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## **Working Group on the International Code of Conduct Association (ICoCA Working Group), Meeting of 16 December 2014**

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### **Chair's Summary**

A first exchange on the Working Group on the International Code of Conduct Association (ICoCA Working Group)<sup>1</sup> was held under the Chairmanship of Sweden on 16 December 2014, following the establishment of the Montreux Document Forum (see Chairs' Summary). In order to focus on practical ways of interacting with the ICoCA, this exchange began with presentations by Rémy Friedmann (Member of the Board of Directors of the ICoCA), and Andrew Orsmond (Executive Director of ICoCA). In the ensuing discussion, some participants considered it necessary to elaborate working practices for the ICoCA Working Group and one of them was of the view that these should be adopted by the MDF plenary. A participant also raised the question of the Working's Group relationship vis-à-vis the Advisory Forum and the Association. Participants were of the view that working group meetings should be open-ended and therefore open to all Montreux Document participants on a voluntary basis. No formal membership to the working groups would be required and participation in the MDF plenary meeting would be without prejudice to participation in the working groups. Moreover, participation in meetings of the working groups is without prejudice to membership. Finally, it was also held that the Association could send requests for advice to the Working Group, as envisioned in the Article 10 of the Articles of Association, and that such requests should be circulated by the Co-Chairs of the MDF.

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<sup>1</sup> By way of reminder, the ICoCA Working Group « performs the functions of the Advisory Forum of Montreux Document Participants as provided for by the Articles of ICoCA. Its mandate is, in accordance with Article 10 of the Articles of Association, "to provide advice to the Association on national and international policy and regulatory matters" ».