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Good afternoon,

On behalf of Portugal, I am pleased to send you below our answers to the first four questions:

1. The main focus of the WG should be the GB functioning and the implementation of the 86 Amendment (114 ratifications cannot be ignored). That might result in a more representative and open GB where all MS participate with equal rights and opportunities. Demographic and economic criteria included in the 86 Amendment to establish rotation mechanisms and the rules on decision making process (determination of consensus) could also be revisited and clarified.
2. The GB should be the top priority.
3. The recognition (in terms of participation and intervention) of new regional realities, namely the EU (as well as IMEC or the African Union).
4. Values: equality and transparency.

With my best regards,

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