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Subject: Questions regarding the links between the Group of Thirty (G30) and the ECB
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The G30 does not seem to make any attempt to ensure that the media and the public understand that Mario Draghi does not necessarily endorse the G30 reports giving recommendations for banking supervision. There is no authorship provided, besides 'G30' on the title page or on the following pages of recent reports. A disclaimer stating 'The views expressed in this paper are those of the Working Group on ... and do not necessarily represent the views of all of the individual members of the Group of Thirty', that was included in earlier reports has been removed from recent reports. On the contrary, G30 chairman Jean-Claude Trichet has created the impression that the whole of the G30 endorses the most recent report, when he uses 'we' synonymously with 'G30'.

How problematic does the ECB regard this, if the impression of a general endorsement by the G30 has been created? Why has Mario Draghi not insisted that it is made clear in the presentation and press releases that he does not necessarily endorse the recommendations in these reports, given that similar perception issues have already arisen in the past?