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• to advise the political, administrative and legislative bodies of the federation and the states;

• to cooperate with other educational and science policy organizations and associations;

• to inform the general public about the responsibilities and requirements of higher education institutions;

• to provide member institutions and all interested parties with information on higher education policy developments in Germany and abroad, and to collect and document relevant literature; and

• to coordinate the international contacts of Germany’s higher education institutions.

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