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**Invitation to a speech on German British Relations by Rafe Philip Graham COURAGE
British Consul General on Thursday, 15 February 2018**

Dear BCCG Member,

Members and their guests of the British Chamber of Commerce in Germany are cordially invited to attend a talk to be given by Rafe Courage, acting British Consul General in Duesseldorf, at the Goethe Museum in Schloß Jägerhof, Jacobistr. 2, 40211 Duesseldorf at 7pm on Thursday, 15 February 2018.

The event has been organised by the **Deutsch-Britische Gesellschaft** („DBG“) in Duesseldorf who have kindly extended the invitations to members of the BCCG.

The theme of the talk will be **German-British Relations: Brexit and Beyond**. In his talk Rafe Courage will present the British perspective on Europe and relations with Germany now and after Brexit and British objectives for the negotiation period and beyond.

Rafe Courage, member of the BCCG NRW committee and the Patron of the DBG Düsseldorf, became HM Consul General, Düsseldorf, in July 2017. Prior to that he was Deputy Consul-General and Head, Turkey Economic & Prosperity Team, in the British Consulate-General in Istanbul. Previous positions include First Secretary, Team Leader (Internal Communications in the Communications Directorate, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, London), a Secondment to the UK Border Agency, the role of Consul (Trade & Investment) in the British Consulate-General in Chicago/USA, a prior role in Turkey as Second Secretary (Economic & Commercial) in the British Embassy in Ankara, the role of Third Secretary in the British High Commission in Islamabad/Pakistan, and a similar role in the British Embassy in Brussels.

He has been in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service since 1986 after an Honours Degree, Bachelor of Science (Economics) in European Community Studies with German & French at Cardiff University.

After his speech there is an opportunity for Q&A and a networking event with drinks.

Please register online: http://www.bccg.de/BCCG_12/Events.html.Termindetail=545 or send your registration to: peter.brock@de.ey.com .

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Duesseldorf.

Yours sincerely,

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NRW Committee Chair

Patron: His Excellency the British Ambassador

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