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Please find below comments from the Institute of Financial Accountants in respect of the above discussion paper.

The Institute of Financial Accountants considers that "reporting standards" are desirable for small & medium size enterprises however,

1) The IASB should not lose sight that accounts are meant to be a "management tool" for a business.

2) The cost of producing accounts in accordance with standards should be cost effective to encourage businesses to use them.

3) The accounting standards for SME's should follow already established IFRS, and not issuing a whole range of new standards.

4) Scope should be given for exemptions for certain type of entities, for Governments to be given a choice of the standards to follow in accordance within their own particular requirements.

Regards - Carmel

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