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INFORMATION FOR OBSERVERS

IFRIC meeting: November 2008, London

Project: Derecognition (Agenda Paper 7C)

Introduction

- 1. In September 2008, the IFRIC noted that an item on this topic had been on the IFRIC's agenda for almost two years awaiting the allocation of staff resources.
- 2. IASB staff with expertise in this specialised topic were, at the time the item was reactivated on the IFRIC agenda, developing a staff report for publication.
- 3. Subsequently, the Board has accelerated the project to develop a replacement for the sections of IAS 39 that would have been interpreted by this IFRC issue. The Board expects to issue a new standard on this topic no later than 2010.
- 4. As a consequence, in the staff's view an important criterion for the IFRIC to add an issue to its agenda is no longer satisfied. In addition, it does not seem to be a good use of the IFRIC's resources to provide guidance on the application of a standard that will shortly be superseded.

Staff recommendation

5. The staff recommends that the IFRIC remove this issue from the agenda. The staff has set out the wording in Appendix A.

Question for the IFRIC

6. Does the IFRIC agree with the staff recommendation and the wording of the final agenda decision?

[Appendix A omitted from observer note]