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Staff Paper

Global Financial Crisis

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Session purpose

- The purpose of this session is to provide you with an overview of activities the IASB has undertaken in response to the global financial crisis and to seek your views on the appropriateness of those actions and the actions we propose to take.
- 2. To help you prepare for this session we have provided you with a paper (Paper 5A) that summarises our response to the financial crisis. The paper is an updated version of David Tweedie's report to the Trustees when they met in Delhi last month. We have also included a letter from Gerrit Zalm outlining the steps we have taken to meet the expectations of the G20 (paper 5B).
- 3. The IASB maintains a special page on its website to document our activities in relation to the financial crisis. The page can be access from the IASB home page www.iasb.org.

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- 4. To access the page directly use the following URL:

 http://www.iasb.org/About+Us/About+the+IASB/Response+to+the+credit+crisis.htm
- 5. It would be helpful if you could consider:
 - (a) Has the IASB responded in a timely and appropriate manner to the financial crisis?
 - (b) Has the IASB been transparent in its response to the crisis?
 - (c) How could the IASB have improved its communication about its role in responding to the financial crisis?