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# Measurement

Conceptual Framework

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### **Current situation**

- Only lists some measurement bases and techniques
  - no analysis or criteria to guide
- IFRSs developed without help of a conceptual basis for selecting measurement bases
- IFRSs contain many different bases
  - the cost model in IAS 16: 6 different bases
  - IAS 39: > 20 different ways



# **Objective of the Measurement phase**

- DP planned for 4Q 2009/1Q 2010
- Provide guidance for selecting measurement bases that satisfy the objective of financial reporting
- Will not automatically lead to a decision about measurement in particular circumstances
  - describes what to consider when making standards-level decisions about measurement

A mixed measurement system will exist for the foreseeable future



### Measurement bases

#### Current

- Current prices
- Present value calculations

#### Non-current

- Past prices
- Adjusted past prices
- Undiscounted future cash flows



## Thinking from FIRST DRAFT

- Factors for selecting measures:
  - Value realisation method of assets and liabilities
  - Cost of using a measure
  - Level of confidence in accounting measures
  - Use of consistent measures for similar items and items used together
  - Separability of income components of measure changes



## **Questions or comments?**

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