Public consultation on the IASB's post June 2011 agenda

1. The Trustees of the IASC Foundation completed the second part of their five-yearly constitution review in January 2010. One of the major changes made to the IASC Foundation constitution was the introduction of a requirement for the IASB to undertake a three-yearly public consultation on its future technical agenda, as set out in paragraph 37(d) of the revised Constitution:

   > The IASB shall have full discretion in developing and pursuing its technical agenda subject to the following:
   > (i) consulting the Trustees (consistently with section 15(c)) and the Advisory Council (consistently with section 44(a)); and
   > (ii) carrying out a public consultation every three years, the first of which shall begin no later than 30 June 2011.

2. The three-yearly public consultation is in addition to the IASB's ongoing consultation on its agenda with the Trustees and the Advisory Council. The new requirement for public consultation on the agenda addresses one of the major concerns raised by stakeholders during the constitution review. The first public consultation will begin before 30 June 2011.

Council advice on formulating the public consultation

3. The changes that were made to the constitution to require the public consultation do not specify what form that consultation should take. It might therefore be of assistance to the IASB to receive views from the Council on how that public consultation might be conducted.

4. The IASB has not yet formulated the basis of the public consultation. The June 2010 Advisory Council meeting therefore provides the Council with a timely opportunity to offer views on this new process.

5. The revised constitution preserves the IASB's full discretion over its technical agenda. The constitution continues to require the IASB to consult with the Trustees and the Advisory Council. The three-yearly public consultation is additional to these existing consultations.

6. The requirement for the public consultation to be conducted every three years suggests a different emphasis from the annual consultations with the Trustees and the Advisory Council. The Council may wish to reflect this in the views it offers to the IASB.

Initial discussion points

7. The following questions are proposed as a starting point for the Council's discussion of this topic. These questions are not, however, intended to limit Council's discussion.

Initial discussion questions

1. <u>Content and strategy</u>:
   (a) The IASB will receive agenda advice from the Advisory Council on the broad strategic direction, selection criteria and basis for prioritisation of the IASB's technical agenda. Do Council Members think that the IASB should invite comments on the broader strategy and selection criteria for its agenda as part of the public consultation, and why? Do council members think that the public consultation should also seek views on prioritisation of aspects of the agenda, and if so at what level of detail should those views be sought?
   (b) What information does the Council consider would be appropriate for the IASB to provide in the invitation to comment in the public consultation?

2. <u>Stratification of stakeholders</u>: Engaging separately with different constituency groups is an approach that the IASB adopts in its outreach on technical projects. Do Council Members see a benefit in the IASB adopting a similar approach in the public consultation on the agenda? If yes, what groups do Council Members identify as useful to target separately and why?

3. <u>New agenda proposals</u>: Do Council Members think that the IASB should invite suggestions for new agenda items as part of the public consultation? If yes, should respondents be asked to justify their proposals only in terms of the IASB's established agenda setting criteria, or should respondents also be asked to justify the prioritisation of their recommendation over projects already proposed for inclusion on the agenda?

4. <u>Other advice</u>: What other views do Council Members think the Council should give to the IASB to assist it in its public consultation of the technical agenda?