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Introduction

1. At its meetings in June and September 2017, the International Accounting Standards Board (Board) discussed whether, and if so how, to address the challenges posed by the requirements in IAS 8 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* for voluntary changes in accounting policies—in particular, those that result from agenda decisions published by the IFRS Interpretations Committee (Committee).
2. The Board tentatively decided to propose amending IAS 8 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* to lower the impracticability threshold regarding retrospective application of voluntary changes in accounting policies that result from agenda decisions. The proposed threshold would include a consideration of the costs and benefits of applying the change retrospectively.

Objective

3. The purpose of this paper is to:
 - (a) set out the due process steps that the Board has taken in developing the proposed amendments to IAS 8; and
 - (b) ask the Board to confirm it is satisfied that it has complied with the applicable due process requirements.

Structure of the paper

4. The paper is structured as follows:
 - (a) comment period;
 - (b) intention to dissent;
 - (c) proposed timetable for balloting and publication;
 - (d) confirmation of due process steps; and
 - (e) questions for the Board.
5. Appendix A to this paper summarises the due process steps taken in developing the proposed amendments.

Comment period

6. Paragraph 6.7 of the [IFRS Foundation Due Process Handbook](#) (Due Process Handbook) states:

The IASB normally allows a minimum period of 120 days for comment on an Exposure Draft. If the matter is narrow in scope and urgent the IASB may consider a comment period of no less than 30 days, but it will only set a period of less than 120 days after consulting, and obtaining approval from, the DPOC. [Due Process Oversight Committee]

7. We recommend a comment period of 120 days for the Exposure Draft of the proposed amendments to IAS 8 (Exposure Draft).

Intention to dissent

8. In accordance with paragraph 6.9 of the Due Process Handbook, we are asking whether any Board member intends to dissent from the Exposure Draft.

Proposed timetable for balloting and publication

9. We plan to begin the balloting process in October 2017, and expect to issue the Exposure Draft in the first quarter of 2018.

Confirmation of the due process steps

10. In Appendix A to this paper, we have summarised the due process steps taken in developing the Exposure Draft. We note that the applicable due process steps to date for publishing the Exposure Draft have been completed.

Questions for the Board

1. **Comment period**—does the Board agree with our recommendation to have a comment period of 120 days for the Exposure Draft?
2. **Dissent**—does any Board member intend to dissent from the issuance of the Exposure Draft?
5. **Permission to ballot**—is the Board satisfied it has complied with the applicable due process requirements and that it has undertaken sufficient consultation and analysis to begin the balloting process for the Exposure Draft?

Appendix A: Due Process steps

A1. The following table sets out the due process steps taken by the Board:

<i>Step</i>	<i>Actions</i>
The Board and Committee meetings are held in public, with papers being available for observers. All decisions are made in public sessions.	<p>The proposed amendments to IFRS 3 and IFRS 11:</p> <p>The Board discussed the matter at its meetings in June 2017 (see Agenda Paper 12B) and its meeting in September 2017 (see Agenda paper 12A). The Committee discussed this matter at its meeting in June 2017 (see Agenda Paper 5)</p> <p>The project webpage has up-to-date information.</p>
Consultation with the Trustees and the Advisory Council	The Trustees and the Advisory Council will be informed about the proposed amendments to IAS 8 as part of the regular reporting to them.
Analysis of likely effects of the forthcoming Standard or major amendment, for example, costs or ongoing associated costs.	The proposed amendments are narrow in scope. Consequently, we do not see a need to have a separate effects analysis.
Finalisation	
Due process steps are reviewed by the Board.	This step will be met by this Agenda Paper.
The Exposure Draft has an appropriate comment period	The comment period is being considered by the Board at this meeting—see paragraphs 6 and 7 of this paper.
Drafting	
Drafting quality assurance steps are adequate.	<p>The translations, taxonomy and editorial teams will review drafts during the balloting process.</p> <p>We will perform an editorial review of the pre-ballot draft with some external parties, including Committee members.</p> <p>The pre-ballot draft will be made available to members of the International Forum of Accounting Standard Setters.</p>
Publication	
Press release to announce publication of the Exposure Draft.	A press release will be published with the Exposure Draft.
Publication of the Exposure Draft	The Exposure Draft will be made available on our website when published.