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Introduction

1. In January 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) published the Accounting Standards Update *Clarifying the Definition of a Business* (the FASB Amendments).
2. In June 2017, the International Accounting Standards Board (Board) completed its discussions on the comments received on the Exposure Draft *Definition of a Business and Accounting for Previously Held Interests* (ED/2016/1).
3. The aim of both projects is to clarify the definition of a business and the related application guidance in FASB's Topic 805 *Business Combinations* and IFRS 3 *Business Combinations*, which are substantially converged standards.

Purpose of this session

4. The purpose of this session is to obtain advice from ASAF members on the Board's tentative decisions made at its April and June 2017 meetings. We are specifically seeking ASAF members' view on the differences between the Board's tentative decisions and the FASB Amendments.

5. Agenda Paper 4A compares the Board's tentative decisions with the FASB Amendments and asks for ASAF members' advice on the differences between the Board's tentative decisions and the FASB Amendments.
6. Agenda Paper 4B lists the Board's tentative decisions up to 31 August 2017 on the Definition of a Business project.