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IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group—appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

Purpose of this paper

1. We seek your approval of the staff proposal to appoint Ann Tarca as Chair of the IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group (ITCG).

Background

2. The ITCG is a consultative group set up in April 2014 to assist the International Accounting Standards Board. The charter setting out the group's terms of reference and operating procedures was approved by the Due Process Oversight Committee (DPOC) in January 2014.¹
3. Paragraph 17 of the Charter gives the DPOC the responsibility to appoint the ITCG's Chair and Vice-Chair. It states:

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group is appointed by the Trustees' Due Process Oversight Committee (DPOC) from members of the IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group or from members of the Board. The appointment of a member of the IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group as Chair or Vice-Chair is for a period of one, two or three years. The appointment can be renewed but the period a member of the ITCG can serve as Chair or Vice-Chair usually would not exceed six years.

Proposed appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ITCG

4. John Dill is currently Chair of the ITCG. His terms, both as member and as Chair, expire in April 2020, with no option to renew. In January 2018 the staff proposed and the DPOC agreed to appoint

¹ The Charter is available at:

<http://www.ifrs.org/-/media/feature/groups/consultative-groups/itcg/itcg-group-terms-of-reference.pdf>

Ann Tarca as Vice-Chair of the ITCG for a three-year term expiring in April 2021. Prior to 2018 the position of Vice-Chair was held by a member of the ITCG.

5. Paragraph 3.62 of the *Due Process Handbook* states that meetings of consultative groups are normally chaired by a Board member or by a member of the technical staff. The staff think it would be appropriate to align the operating procedures of the ITCG with those of the other consultative groups by appointing a Board member as Chair of ITCG. This was not possible at the ITCG's inception because, at that time, the Board had no formal responsibility for the IFRS Taxonomy. Since May 2016, however, the due process changed to require Board's approval (or review) of any changes to the IFRS Taxonomy content.
6. In addition, the staff holds the view that appointing a Board member as Chair would emphasise to stakeholders the growing importance of electronic financial reporting and the IFRS Taxonomy to the Board and the IFRS Foundation.
7. John Dill has indicated his willingness to step down as Chair of the ITCG; he would instead serve as the group's Vice-Chair for the remainder of his term. Ann Tarca has expressed an interest in the role of Chair. The staff think that this proposed new arrangement of Chair and Vice-Chair would combine Ann's accounting knowledge with John's technical XBRL experience to ensure the smooth running of the ITCG.
8. Consequently, the staff recommend that:
 - a) Ann Tarca be appointed as Chair of the ITCG. Her first term as Chair will expire in April 2021; and
 - b) John Dill be appointed as Vice-Chair of the ITCG. His term as Vice-Chair will expire in April 2020.

Question to the DPOC

Does the DPOC agree with the recommendation to appoint Ann Tarca as Chair and John Dill as Vice-Chair of the IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group?