

PRESS RELEASE

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IFRS Trustees Publish Recommendations on Efficiency and Effectiveness of IFRS Interpretations Committee

The Trustees of the IFRS Foundation have published their findings following a review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the IFRS Interpretations Committee. The conclusions of the review are consistent with recommendations of the Trustees' strategy review, completed in February 2012, which advocated that the IASB should take a more prominent role in the consistent application of the standards. The Interpretations Committee plays an important role in this work.

The primary recommendations of the review are:

- that a broader range of 'tools' should be deployed by the Interpretations Committee, enabling it to be more responsive to requests for assistance;
- to revise the criteria used to determine which issues the Interpretations Committee should take action on;
- to improve the Interpretations Committee's communications regarding issues that it decides not to address; and
- to expand the Interpretations Committee's outreach and the transparency surrounding its decisions regarding which issues to address.

The recommendations will enable the Interpretations Committee to deal with a wider range of requests. For example, the Interpretations Committee may make proposals to the IASB for targeted, narrow-scope amendments that are beyond the scope of the Annual Improvements process, or proposals for additional illustrative examples of standards.

The combination of the Interpretations Committee's revised agenda criteria and its ability to deal with a wider range of requests should result in fewer instances of items being rejected from the agenda in future.

The Trustees conducted the review through the use of a questionnaire that requested comments from interested parties and from members of the Interpretations Committee. The review began in October 2010 and 34 responses were received by the end of the public comment period in January 2011.

The responses received to the questionnaire were presented by IFRS Foundation staff to the Interpretations Committee, who then discussed the responses with representatives of the Trustees and members of the IASB. Responses to the findings of the review were subsequently developed by the Interpretations Committee and discussed and agreed with the IASB and the Trustees.

Commenting on the publication of the report, Michel Prada, Chairman of the Trustees of the IFRS Foundation, said:

"I am extremely pleased with the outcome of this review and look forward to seeing these constructive recommendations and responses implemented by the Interpretations Committee.

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Enhancing the scope and clarity of the Committee's mandate will enable us to further improve this important area of the IFRS Foundation's activities.

On behalf of the Trustees I would like to express gratitude to the many stakeholders who contributed to this review through the submission of views and suggestions for improvements.”

Responding to the report, Hans Hoogervorst, Chairman of the IASB, commented:

“I welcome the results of the review. An expansion of the work carried out by the Interpretations Committee fits in well with the IASB's view that the implementation and maintenance of existing IFRSs is an important part of the IASB's activities”.

[Click here](#) to read the report on the efficiency and effectiveness of IFRS Interpretations Committee.

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