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Dear Stig

### **Re: IFRIC Draft Due Process Handbook**

This letter sets out the ASB's comments on EFRAG's draft comment letter on the above Handbook. The ASB is submitting its response to the IASCF in parallel with this letter and I attach a copy. Accompanying this letter is an appendix which responds to your draft comment letter to the IASCF.

The ASB supports the Handbook and has made a proposal to IASCF, in line with one of the EFRAG recommendations, that details should be made publicly available of which issues have been submitted to the IFRIC for consideration, when they were submitted, and what stage each issue has reached in the IFRIC's processes.

Yours sincerely

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**RESPONSE TO:**

**EFRAG Draft Comment letter on IFRIC Draft Due Process Handbook**

**1 Specific Questions**

**Question 1.**

The Agenda Committee is not in general a decision-making body and the final decision on whether to accept an issue for interpretation or not is made by the full IFRIC.

As a consequence, the ASB does not share the concerns with regard to the makeup of the Agenda Committee. The draft handbook states that the IFRIC should have a balanced geographical background and should represent all stakeholders. Similarly the ASB does not share EFRAG's view that the meetings of the Agenda Committee need to be held in public to ensure transparency.

However, the Agenda Committee does play a key role in determining exactly when matters are referred to the full IFRIC and we agree there should be transparency in this process. We therefore agree with the suggestion that IFRIC should publish which issues have been submitted, when they are submitted and at what stage each issue is in the agenda decision process.

**Question 2**

Agreed.

**Question 3**

Agreed.

**Question 4**

Agreed.

**2 Other Comments**

The ASB share EFRAG's views relating to the *comment period* and the *Public Consultation*, but does not have issues relating to the make up of the *membership of IFRIC*. However we would agree that the search for new members should involve advertising for possible candidates.