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				4	3	2	1			
1. OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES										
1.1	The IAASB CAG's stated objective and scope of activities ¹ are appropriate and assist the IAASB CAG in fulfilling its role of protecting the public interest.			2	11					See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
1.2	Overall, how well do you believe that the IAASB CAG is achieving its stated objective and scope of activities?			1	12					See detailed comments at the addendum to this document. Note: One vote that was scored between a 2 and a 3 has been marked a 3.
1.3	(a) Should the IAASB CAG Terms of Reference be expanded / amended / clarified in any way? (Proposed modifications may give rise to revisions of the	2	10					1		See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.

¹ The objective of the IAASB CAG is to provide input to and assist the IAASB through consultation with the IAASB CAG Member Organizations and their Representatives at the IAASB CAG meetings, in order to obtain: (a) advice on the IAASB's agenda and project timetable, including project priorities; (b) technical advice on projects; and (c) advice on other matters of relevance to the activities of the IAASB.

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	<p>IAASB CAG Terms of Reference or the IAASB CAG operating procedures (which may or may not affect the Terms of Reference.)</p> <p>(b) If yes, please provide an explanation of the addition(s) / amendment(s) / clarification(s) under Comments.</p>									
1.4	<p>(a) The IAASB CAG Terms of Reference provide for strategic and technical input to the IAASB's activities. Is the balance between strategic and technical input from the IAASB CAG appropriate?</p> <p>(b) If no, please provide an explanation under Comments.</p>	10	3							See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
1.5	<p>In line with the IAASB's stated due process, the IAASB gives due consideration to technical and other advice received from the IAASB CAG.</p>			2	9			2		See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.

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2. MEMBERSHIP										
2.1	The IAASB CAG's composition and membership ² provide for: (a) Appropriate professional representation, and	X	X	2	10	1				See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
2.1	(b) Appropriate geographical representation.	X	X	1	11	1				See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
2.1	(c) An appropriate combination of relevant technical expertise and practical experience.	X	X	2	10	1				See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
2.2	The process for considering nominations of organizations and representatives is efficient, effective, and understandable. ³	X	X		8	1		4		See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.

² The composition and membership of the IAASB CAG are described in its Terms of Reference. A list of IAASB CAG Member Organizations is available from <http://www.ifac.org/IAASB/CAG.php>.

³ A panel comprising the IAASB CAG Chair, two Representatives selected by the Chair for this purpose, the IAASB Chair and the Executive Director, Professional Standards (the IAASB CAG Membership Panel) considers the nominations to determine whether the organizations, and their representatives, are suitable for membership and to ensure a balanced geographical spread and functional backgrounds. Conclusions of the IAASB CAG Membership Panel are sent to the PIOB for final consideration. The PIOB also has ongoing authority to identify any emerging public interest segments not already represented on the IAASB CAG and to bring these to the attention of the IAASB CAG Membership Panel for further consideration.

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4. AGENDA SETTING										
4.1	The IAASB CAG agenda assists it to achieve its stated objective and scope of activities.	X	X	2	9	2				See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
4.2	The IAASB CAG agenda is appropriately set by the IAASB CAG and the IAASB, as required. ⁴	X	X	2	9	2				See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
5. OPERATING PROCEDURES										
5.1	The IAASB CAG meetings are held in locations that are convenient and easily accessible.	X	X	3	9	1				See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
5.2	The IAASB CAG meetings are well organized, efficient, and effective.	X	X	6	7					See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
5.3.1	(a) Is the frequency of the IAASB CAG meetings appropriate?	13		X	X	X	X			See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.

⁴ The IAASB CAG Chair, in appropriate consultation with the Representatives and the IAASB Chair and Executive Director, Professional Standards, and with reference to the IAASB agenda and project timetable, sets the agenda for an IAASB CAG meeting.

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5.3.1	(b) If the answer to 5.3.1(a) is "no," would you be in favor of more or fewer meetings in a year? (Please insert response under Comments.)									
5.3.2	(a) Are the IAASB CAG meetings of appropriate length to allow discussion of relevant issues consistent with the IAASB CAG's stated objective and scope of activities?	12						1		See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
5.3.2	(b) If the answer to 5.3.2(a) is "no," would you favor longer or shorter meetings? (Please insert response under Comments.)									
5.4	IAASB CAG Representatives regularly attend IAASB CAG meetings and participate appropriately in the debates.			1	9	2		1		See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
5.5	The IAASB CAG meeting material is complete and contains the right information to allow			3	7	2		1		See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.

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	meaningful discussion.	X	X							
5.6	The IAASB CAG meeting material is received with enough lead time to allow meaningful preparation in order to present the views of the IAASB CAG Member Organizations.	X	X	1	4	5	2	1		See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
5.7	IAASB members' presentations of projects at the IAASB CAG meetings contribute and are important to technical debates at those meetings.	X	X	5	7			1		See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
5.8	The technical debates in the IAASB CAG and with the IAASB members are: (a) Of sufficiently high quality to ensure appropriate input to the work of the IAASB;	X	X	3	7	3				See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
5.8	(b) At an appropriate level of detail; and	X	X	1	7	3		2		See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
5.8	(c) Focused on the right issues.	X	X		9	3		1		See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.

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5.9	(a) Is language a challenge in interacting with IAASB CAG Representatives and IAASB members?	5	7					1		
5.9	(b) If the answer to 5.9(a) is "yes," please indicate under Comments how the matter might be addressed.									See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
5.10	IAASB CAG minutes reflect the significant activities, actions, and recommendations of the IAASB CAG Representatives.			6	7					See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
5.11	The IAASB Task Forces' report back to the IAASB CAG provides adequate information of the way in which the IAASB and its task forces have dealt with the points minuted at IAASB CAG meetings.			3	10					See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
5.12	(a) Do you wish to continue to hold private sessions at every IAASB CAG meeting? (A private session is held without the presence of	13								See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.

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	IFAC / IAASB representatives and without public observers.)			X	X	X	X			
5.12	(b) If the answer to 5.12(a) is "no," do you wish to hold a private session only when necessary?			X	X	X	X			
5.13	The IAASB CAG Working Groups enhance the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the IAASB CAG's debates of IAASB projects. (It should be noted that the processes of the IAASB CAG Working Groups are currently under review.)	X	X	1	7	4		1		See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
5.14	The IAASB's staff resources assist the IAASB CAG in achieving its stated objective and scope of activities.	X	X	6	7					See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
6. IAASB CAG CHAIR										
6.1	The IAASB CAG Chair acts in the public interest.	X	X	8	5					See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.

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6.2	The IAASB CAG Chair efficiently and effectively fulfills the role of “Leader of CAG” as described in the Roles and Responsibilities of the IAASB CAG Chair document. ⁵	X	X	8	5					See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
6.3	The IAASB CAG Chair’s attendance at and participation in meetings of the IAASB and IAASB Steering Committee assist the IAASB CAG in achieving its stated objective and scope of activities.	X	X	3	6			4		See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.
6.4	The IAASB CAG chair actively solicits views from all Representatives during IAASB CAG meetings.	X	X	7	4	1		1		See detailed comments at the addendum to this document.

7. GENERAL COMMENTS

I think CAG is at the cross-road towards the next step. CAG has worked well during these first two years, but as time has passed and things developed, CAG should clarify its role, and should be more attractive as well. Certainly, CAG members have a high level skill and knowledge in each area where they are

⁵ This document can be accessed at http://www.ifac.org/IAASB/downloads/Roles_and_responsibilities_of_the_IAASB_CAG_Chair.pdf.

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working on, and thus CAG should try to think about “in what way, CAG is able to receive more useful input from its members?”

I believe this is the question that CAG should think about, to be more attractive.

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1.1	<p>The IAASB CAG's stated objective and scope of activities are appropriate and assist the IAASB CAG in fulfilling its role of protecting the public interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consistent provision of quality advice and counsel from outside sources, including users of audited financial statements and other financial information, has to enhance the management of auditing standards. (3) • Given the structure, content, and timing of CAG meetings, it is not feasible to expect that members can regularly give input from their organizations. There is too much material and too many agenda topics to do this. CAG members can only react to this on an individual basis, sometimes with general knowledge of past organization discussions but rarely with a current consultation. (3) • There has been a greater emphasis on objective (b) below, than on objectives (a) and (c). This is likely to be due to the large number of ISAs that are being clarified or redrafted. (3)
1.2	<p>Overall, how well do you believe that the IAASB CAG is achieving its stated objective and scope of activities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall, well. In some cases, the input provided through use of a relatively large meeting depends on the effective input by a couple of individuals to get effective discussion going. In most cases, this has occurred. However, the chair must continue to encourage those from varied backgrounds to contribute to the discussions. The chair has done an excellent job at attempting to get this input from small group assignments -- this effort needs to continue. (3) • I would like to rate the middle of 2 and 3. I think CAG works well, especially its comments feed-back process. On the other hand, CAG members seems not having sufficient hours to prepare and consider agendas, to achieve the stated objective, especially to come with organizational view. (3)
1.3	<p>(a) Should the IAASB CAG Terms of Reference be expanded / amended / clarified in any way? (Proposed modifications may give rise to revisions of the IAASB CAG Terms of Reference or the IAASB CAG operating procedures (which may or may not affect the Terms of Reference.)</p> <p>(b) If yes, please provide an explanation of the addition(s) / amendment(s) / clarification(s) under Comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Terms of Reference would be more robust when they would include more specifically a reference to audit quality considerations in relation to standard setting. (Yes) • Based on written material (No) • Might attempt to expand somewhat expand the range of users of audited financial information. Possibly from one or more analysts, as well as analyst organizations. If possible, also add one or two who might represent the public interest -- but that will be difficult, as sometimes it is difficult to determine who might represent such views. (No) • Think the Terms of Reference should be amended to focus on a narrower and more specific mission, after dialogue in CAG about exactly what this should be. Areas to explore would include fewer topics in meetings explored more thoroughly, and presence

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	<p>of and participation of more IAASB Board members, and questions and perceptions and explanations about decisions in Board projects. (Yes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So far, I have not been aware of areas in need for revisions of TOR, but it should be amended as things develop and time passes by. (Uncertain)
1.4	<p>(a) The IAASB CAG Terms of Reference provide for strategic and technical input to the IAASB's activities. Is the balance between strategic and technical input from the IAASB CAG appropriate?</p> <p>(b) If no, please provide an explanation under Comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It might be considered having more general discussions among CAG members about improving audit quality. A feedback mechanism from the independent oversight bodies to understand the effectiveness of the ISAs would be beneficial to the standard setting process. It could be beneficial for the IAASB to have more robust discussions with audit firms to more clearly understand implementation challenges with respect to new / revised ISAs after revised ISAs have been implemented. (No) • Based on written material (Yes) • Although we believe that in practice, the balance between strategic and technical input requested from the IAASB CAG is appropriate, it should be noted that the IAASB CAG Terms of Reference do not make reference to strategic input at this point in time (as on www.ifac.org). This deserves clarification. (Yes) • Generally good. Might benefit by better understanding IAASB discussions and views. Understanding the points made at IAASB meetings might trigger more and better input from the CAG. (Yes) • Some agenda issues are becoming increasingly technical and deal with extreme detail. (No) • Although the balance is appropriate, it is important that sufficient strategic input will be provided. (Yes) • I cannot comment, as I do not observe the Board meeting. However, CAG discussion should be minuted in a timely manner, even in case where CAG is held right before the Board meeting, so that relevant discussions should be considered or reflected at the Board. (Yes) • Given the amount of time devoted to the Clarity project, there has probably been a disproportionate emphasis on technical rather than strategic. This is likely to change post clarity. (No)
1.5	<p>In line with the IAASB's stated due process, the IAASB gives due consideration to technical and other advice received from the IAASB CAG.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It seems like it, but not having seen the IAASB in action, it is difficult for me to be certain. (3) • I have seen some mixed results and am unsure of how much the inputs in CAG meetings actually impact the IAASB process and output. (Uncertain)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So far, CAG seems to focus on technical issues, but I recognize that strategic issues will be dealt with next CAG (June). (Uncertain) • There is good written feedback from the task groups on how they have given due consideration to any CAG comments. It is often, but not always, possible to see this reflected in the EDs that are subsequently exposed. (3)
2. MEMBERSHIP	
2.1	<p>The IAASB CAG's composition and membership⁶ provide for:</p> <p>(a) Appropriate professional representation, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CAG would benefit from a further presence of independent audit oversight authorities. (2) • At the most recent CAG (held in April), I observe that CAG seems to have less representations from SME or SMP. (3)
2.1	<p>(b) Appropriate geographical representation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May want to consider greater participation from emerging market countries, for example the Indian sub-continent is not yet represented. (3) • Africa seems to be under-represented. (2) • I understand that CAG is trying to achieve good geographical representations. (3)
2.1	<p>(c) An appropriate combination of relevant technical expertise and practical experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Might include more direct users, e.g. analysts. (3) • CAG members do not necessarily have technical expertise in auditing area, but they are the ones who use audits and have a very high skill in respective field, but usually do not comment on EDs. Therefore, IAASB should try more to utilize or extract members' views, which should be helpful for the Board deliberation. (2) • It would be good sometimes to have a greater input from a wider variety of members. (3)
2.2	<p>The process for considering nominations of organizations and representatives is efficient, effective, and understandable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process for considering nominations as described in the IAASB CAG Terms of Reference is appropriate. However, the working of the process is not transparent enough to be able to determine whether it is efficient, effective and understandable. (Uncertain) • It is rather opaque. However, this isn't particularly important -- current members might be encouraged to nominate others for membership. (2)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CAG Chair has identified and selected some excellent members in the first two years of operation. Going forward, there needs to be more guidance and transparency and publicity about how interested and knowledgeable parties can indicate an interest and how they are selected. (3) • I cannot comment, as I do not know what kind of discussions took place at CAG Membership Panel. (Uncertain)
4. AGENDA SETTING	
4.1	<p>The IAASB CAG agenda assists it to achieve its stated objective and scope of activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before the agenda focused more on technical and less on strategic matters. This has changed in the past year. (3) • Becoming too detailed. (2) • CAG agenda is summarized well. However, considering the diversity of members at CAG, more precise language should be used, to stimulate discussions or views from members. Besides, some people may feel that a list of CAG agenda is too long, but considering the wide spread nature of CAG members, I believe it worthwhile to have a long list of agendas, in order to receive attention to at least one agenda from members. I have found that some agenda is of interest to some members but seems to be of less interest to others (e.g. ISA200 discussion). (3) • Once an ISA is exposed for public comment, limited time should be spend on discussing it in the CAG. (3)
4.2	<p>The IAASB CAG agenda is appropriately set by the IAASB CAG and the IAASB, as required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes the meetings don't seem quite in synch with the IAASB meetings and their agenda, but that is only an impression. It may be due to the fact that the IAASB meets more often than does the CAG. (3) • Becoming too detailed. (2) • This is between a 2 and 3 score in my view. The agendas contain too many topics for effective two-way discussions that involve a wide variety of participants. It is also desirable to broaden the examination of relevant issues. (2)
5. OPERATING PROCEDURES	
5.1	<p>The IAASB CAG meetings are held in locations that are convenient and easily accessible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London is quite expensive (3) • Although we fully understand why IAASB CAG meetings rotate to different locations, we believe that it would be appropriate to limit the rotation to real 'hubs' like New York and/or London. (3) • More international diversity of locations would be a plus. (3) • A possibility of meeting in Asia (e.g. Tokyo) could be explored some time in the future.

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	(2)
5.2	<p>The IAASB CAG meetings are well organized, efficient, and effective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The circulation of material as well as instructions to accommodation etc. exceeds the expectations. (4) • Meetings are extremely well-organized and efficient, but as I have noted earlier, contain too many topics to be fully effective. (3) • I think CAG meeting is well organized, but I would expect more discussions among members, to be effective. (3)
5.3.1	<p>(a) Is the frequency of the IAASB CAG meetings appropriate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • But I can't tell if the timing of the meeting in relation to the IAASB meetings is optimal. Since the IAASB meets more frequently, it may be useful to distribute the IAASB meeting agendas if not completely in synch, to see if any of the CAG members have any input to them. (Yes) • Twice a year is sufficient. Three-times a year is a bit too much. (Yes)
5.3.1	<p>(b) If the answer to 5.3.1(a) is "no," would you be in favor of more or fewer meetings in a year? (Please insert response under Comments.)</p>
5.3.2	<p>(a) Are the IAASB CAG meetings of appropriate length to allow discussion of relevant issues consistent with the IAASB CAG's stated objective and scope of activities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two day meetings are appropriate. (Yes) • But it might vary, depending on the type of issues being addressed in the future. (Yes) • Length is right but the number, range, and type of topics need to be adjusted. (Yes) • Two-day meeting is appropriate. (Yes)
5.3.2	<p>(b) If the answer to 5.3.2(a) is "no," would you favor longer or shorter meetings? (Please insert response under Comments.)</p>
5.4	<p>IAASB CAG Representatives regularly attend IAASB CAG meetings and participate appropriately in the debates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAASB CAG Representatives participate appropriately in the debates in line with their specific interests. • I observe less attendance to the most recent CAG meeting (April 2007). (2)
5.5	<p>The IAASB CAG meeting material is complete and contains the right information to allow meaningful discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has gotten better in the last year. (4) • Excessive detail. (2) • I cannot comment this, as I do not know CAG meeting material is complete, and have

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	<p>not tried to ensure the completeness. However, sometimes, I feel that language used in the agenda paper is not straightforward and defensive. (Not applicable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is helpful to have key issues highlighted in the CAG papers so that CAG members can focus on the key issues in the standards. However, sometimes there could be fewer topics and a longer discussion of those topics so that those topics are covered in greater depth. (2)
5.6	<p>The IAASB CAG meeting material is received with enough lead time to allow meaningful preparation in order to present the views of the IAASB CAG Member Organizations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More time would be appreciated. However, we acknowledge that the workload is considerable. (3) • Problems arise with the September meeting. People have to work in August. For instance, Sept. 2008 meeting is very early. (3) • In practice, there is currently not sufficient time available for <i>complete</i> consultation with the designated representatives of our member organizations, especially for the few agenda items with supporting documentation being made available only a few days ahead of the meeting. However, we fully understand that there is a trade-off between the timeliness and the quality of the material provided. Therefore, it might help to set an ultimate date for all meeting material. (1) • Materials should be received earlier. (2) • Usually it is sufficient. Unfortunately sometimes the representative's schedules don't always permit timely review before the meetings, but nothing can be done about that. (4) • More lead time would be helpful. (2) • Although the timing is satisfactory, it is not always possible to get time to consult with the relevant Member Organization. (2) • There are too many topics and too much relevant content to get through on each to allow sufficient time and opportunity for organizational consultations within the CAG member organizations. Need to cover fewer topics more effectively. (2) • Nonetheless for length of a lead time, it is very difficult to present the organizational view, especially in case of international organization (such as IOSCO), although we try to develop some members' ideas by way of conference-calls or etc. (2) • There is often a substantial amount of material and it is difficult to prepare properly for the meeting given that most representatives have full-time positions in the member organizations. However, the obligation is on the CAG members to be as diligent as possible in preparing for meetings. (No rating)
5.7	<p>IAASB members' presentations of projects at the IAASB CAG meetings contribute and are important to technical debates at those meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to focus on issues of concern. (4) • IAASB members' presentations of the project are helpful to stimulate the discussion at

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	CAG. However, as the importance and expectations of presentation is very high, IAASB members should use more plain language to facilitate understandings of CAG members. (4)
5.8	<p>The technical debates in the IAASB CAG and with the IAASB members are:</p> <p>(a) Of sufficiently high quality to ensure appropriate input to the work of the IAASB;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical debate with IAASB members is key to the success. (4) • This varies by issue being addressed and the interests of those present. In some cases, they are fine. It is very much a function of the extent of preparation of the attendees. (3) • Need fewer topics covered more thoroughly. It would also be desirable to have a greater number of IAASB Board members present (not just project task force leaders, chair and vice chair). (2) • Although CAG is expected to play a role in giving technical advice, we should admit that comment letters of ED provides the most detailed input for standard settings. CAG is especially helpful, as an early-stage input opportunity. (2)
5.8	<p>(b) At an appropriate level of detail; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibly sometimes too technical as opposed to more strategic. (3)
5.8	<p>(c) Focused on the right issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibly sometimes too technical as opposed to more strategic. (3) • Usually, but sometimes the discussion goes off on tangents (personal soapboxes), which at times is useful. Usually if the assigned work group or individual members come prepared, the right issues are brought up and discussed. (3)
5.9	(a) Is language a challenge in interacting with IAASB CAG Representatives and IAASB members?
5.9	<p>(b) If the answer to 5.9(a) is “yes,” please indicate under Comments how the matter might be addressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always use microphones; remember attendees to speak clearly, loud and not speedy, aiming to be understood also by non English mother tongue people. (for instance, John Kellas’ style is perfect). Not easy! I know. (Yes) • It should not be ignored that language and culture are a challenge for certain representatives. The Anglo-Saxon debating culture does often not exist in other parts of the world. Ideally, representatives should have had sufficient exposure to debating in English before joining the IAASB CAG. (Yes) • But clearly the exclusive use of English leads to more contribution by those members whose native tongue is English. There is little that can be done, although the chair must take special efforts to draw out some for whose first language is not English. There isn't too much that can be done, except encourage the organizations represented to send high

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	<p>quality English-speaking representatives. (Yes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At times this is a challenge. More time, effort, patience, and concentration, as well as requesting repetitions whenever needed, should be carried out to meet the challenge. (Yes) • Sometimes, I feel that language used in the agenda paper is not straightforward. An Example could be the question “Which do you think important public interest or costs” at ISA600 discussion of April 2007 CAG meeting? CAG members have difficulty in understanding why IAASB is asking this, since all see public interest is of highest importance. CAG agenda should use straightforward languages. Sometimes, language used in auditing standards setting is too defensive in nature, which is very hard to understand especially for non-practitioners. CAG agenda, at least, should use straightforward language, which promote a lively discussion. (Yes)
5.10	<p>IAASB CAG minutes reflect the significant activities, actions, and recommendations of the IAASB CAG Representatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes are well written. (4) • Generally good, although just as important is the distribution of just-as-detailed minutes of the IAASB. (3) • A very good job is done reflecting input from those who speak, but many do not get to speak. (3) • I acknowledge that significant improvement has been made in this regards. However, sometimes, comments are not captured as originally intended, and dispositions are not always clear. (3)
5.11	<p>The IAASB Task Forces’ report back to the IAASB CAG provides adequate information of the way in which the IAASB and its task forces have dealt with the points minuted at IAASB CAG meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IAASB Task Forces’ reports back are currently of differing level of detail and form, some streamlining would be helpful. (3) • Has improved a lot in the last year. The CAG's working groups must continue to make adequate preparation for the meetings as well. (4) • This is between a 3 and a 2 score. What was done is explained but sometimes there is not enough "why" or "why not". (3) • Significant improvement has been made in this regard. However, I do not know what type of authority their feedback has, as some feedbacks are more interpretation of the standard. Even acknowledging that they could not be the Board view, it may be a good idea for TF to share their dispositions with the Board. (3)
5.12	<p>(a) Do you wish to continue to hold private sessions at every IAASB CAG meeting? (A private session is held without the presence of IFAC / IAASB representatives and without public observers.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This should be set aside as a standard meeting activity. (Yes)

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5.12	(b) If the answer to 5.12(a) is “no,” do you wish to hold a private session only when necessary?
5.13	<p>The IAASB CAG Working Groups enhance the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the IAASB CAG’s debates of IAASB projects. (It should be noted that the processes of the IAASB CAG Working Groups are currently under review.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concept of working groups is good, but in practice still needs to get off the ground. (2) • Low effectiveness, so far. (2) • Further improvement of the workings of the IAASB CAG Working Groups would be required to enhance the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the IAASB CAG’s debates of IAASB projects. (2) • Yes. Need to emphasize who is in charge of groups, to ensure appropriate contributions. (4) • The initiative to create Working Groups within CAG was a good one. However, some of us need to improve the exchange of views within the Group before the CAG meetings. (2) • Sometimes, I felt that report of CAG Working Group is not sufficiently discussed at CAG, which seems weakness of the process. However, if once due-process is established, I expect it will work even better. (Uncertain) • In some of the groups there has been a good discussion of the issues and it has been helpful to have a fuller discussion. In other groups there has been very little discussion. (3)
5.14	<p>The IAASB’s staff resources assist the IAASB CAG in achieving its stated objective and scope of activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution of IAASB’s staff is recognized and much appreciated. (4) • I think IAASB staff is working hard to achieve the stated objective. (3)
6. IAASB CAG CHAIR	
6.1	<p>The IAASB CAG Chair acts in the public interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall, CAG Chair seems to be acting in public interests. (4)
6.2	<p>The IAASB CAG Chair efficiently and effectively fulfills the role of “Leader of CAG” as described in the Roles and Responsibilities of the IAASB CAG Chair document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • But should slim down agenda to a more manageable scope that will elicit more participation and in-depth discussion from CAG members. (4) • Overall, CAG Chair seems effectively fulfills the role of “Leader of CAG.” (3)
6.3	<p>The IAASB CAG Chair’s attendance at and participation in meetings of the IAASB and IAASB Steering Committee assist the IAASB CAG in achieving its stated objective and scope of</p>

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	<p>activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Difficult to comment as I do not attend IAASB meetings. (3)• Since I have not attended an IAASB meeting, I can't assess this. (Uncertain)• I do not know, as I do not observe the Board meeting. (Uncertain)
6.4	<p>The IAASB CAG chair actively solicits views from all Representatives during IAASB CAG meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As the IAASB CAG is a consultative body, representatives should ordinarily not be asked to vote on the matters discussed. (3)• This is the area which could be improved, as most CAG members keep silent during the whole meeting hour. (2)• The CAG chair does highlight some key issues in advance, but in the meetings some members contribute very little. It would be good if they could be encouraged to say more. (3)