Alignment of Part 4B with ISAE 3000 (Revised)

Objective of Agenda Item


Status and Timeline

2. The IESBA’s Strategy and Work Plan 2014-2018 includes a commitment to review Part 4B of the Code for any changes needed to make the provisions in that section consistent with the revised assurance terms and concepts in ISAE 3000 (Revised). The need for this review had been identified during the restructuring of the Code but was outside the remit of the Structure project. To avoid delaying completion of that project, the IESBA agreed to defer the review of Part 4B until after completion of the restructuring of the Code.

3. A Working Group (‘WG’) was established in January 2018 to consider the issues likely to be raised by the Project. Liaison took place with IAASB representatives to obtain further background on the revisions made by the IAASB to the assurance terms and concepts when developing ISAE 3000 (Revised). The WG subsequently developed the Project Proposal attached as Agenda Item D-1.

4. At the September 2018 IESBA meeting, the WG will present the Project Proposal to the IESBA together with any comments made by Standard-Setting Board and IFAC Technical Managers. The WG will then seek the approval by the IESBA of the Project Proposal.

5. The project will involve coordination with the IAASB to ensure that the revisions to Part B are consistent with the terms and concepts in ISAE 3000 (Revised). The established principles of IAASB-IESBA coordination will apply.

6. The timeline envisions approving the exposure draft of a revised Part 4B at the June 2019 Board meeting.

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1 Part 4B comprises the independence standards for assurance engagements other than audit and review engagements (as defined in the Code), (referred to in Part 4B as ‘assurance engagements’).

2 International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised), Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information
Matters for CAG Consideration

7. Representatives are asked to consider the WG Chair’s presentation of the Project Proposal and share perspectives on the key issues raised.

Material Presented

Agenda Item D-1  Project Proposal – Alignment of Part 4B with ISAE 3000 (Revised)