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Dear Sir/Madam

## Re: Exposure Draft, Proposed Change to the Definition of "Those Charged with Governance"

The Korean Institute of Certified Public Accountants (KICPA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Exposure Draft, Proposed Change to the Definition of "Those Charged with Governance".

#### **Overall Comments**

We support the IESBA's commitment to developing and promoting high-quality ethical standards for professional accountants.

We are supportive of IESBA's proposed change to the definition in the Code of "those charged with governance" to more closely align with the definition in ISA 260. We agree with the IESBA that the communications required under the Code should be to the same group of people as the communications under ISA 260. We believe that proposed change would clarify the definition and improve the consistency between the Code and ISA.

The followings are our comments regarding the specific questions you requested.

#### **Specific Comments**

(Question 1) Do respondents agree with the proposed change to more closely align the definition of "those charged with governance" to the definition contained in ISA



### 260, Communication with Those Charged with Governance?

We believe that definition of "those charged with governance" under the Code should be required to be consistent with the definition in ISA. Therefore, we believe that it is appropriate to align the Code's definition of "those charged with governance" with the definition contained in the ISA that convey meaning more clearly.

# (Question 2) Do respondents agree that in each case as noted in the Exposure Draft, communication to "those charged with governance or a subgroup thereof" would be appropriate?

We believe that communication to "those charged with governance or a subgroup thereof" is appropriate in each case.

We hope that our comments are useful in the further development of these standards. Should you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact us at <u>global@kicpa.or.kr</u>.

Yours sincerely, Yong-In Shin, Vice President Korean Institute of Certified Public Accountants