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**IFAC EXPOSURE DRAFT UPDATES INTERNATIONAL
PUBLIC SECTOR STANDARDS TO CONFORM WITH IFRSs**

(New York/September 23, 2005) – To enhance the convergence of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs) with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs), the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB) of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) has issued exposure draft (ED) 26, *Improvements to International Public Sector Accounting Standards*. ED 26 proposes changes to 11 accrual basis IPSASs to better reflect developments in the equivalent IFRSs issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. The ED has been issued as part of the IPSASB's program to converge IPSASs, which set out the requirements for financial reporting by governments and other public sector entities, and IFRSs, where the requirements of IFRSs are appropriate for the public sector.

“Converging IPSASs with IFRSs is one of the objectives of our standards development program,” states IPSASB Chair Philippe Adhémar. “The issuance of this ED reflects the IPSASB's commitment to progress the IFRS convergence component of its work program, as well as to address public sector specific issues not dealt with by IFRSs.”

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To assist accountants in applying IPSASs, the IPSASB has issued ED 25, *Equal Authority of Paragraphs in IPSASs*. This ED proposes that the *Preface to International Public Sector Accounting Standards* be revised to clarify that all paragraphs within IPSASs have equal authority.

“The IPSASB has proposed this clarification after reviewing the text of all IPSASs currently on issue. This change will enhance the clarity of the standards and align them more fully with IFRSs, which also adopt this approach,” says Philippe Adhémar.

How to Comment

Comments on the exposure drafts are requested by January 31, 2006. The EDs may be viewed by going to <http://www.ifac.org/EDs>. Comments may be submitted by email to publicsectorpubs@ifac.org. They can also be faxed to the attention of the IPSASB Technical Director at +1 (212) 286-9570 or mailed to IFAC, 545 Fifth Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10017, USA. All comments will be considered a matter of public record and will ultimately be posted on IFAC's website.

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