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Trustees invite comment on IASB's Due Process Handbook and IFRIC Review of Operations

The Trustees of the International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC) Foundation today published for public comment two consultation documents—*Due Process of IASB: Draft Handbook of Consultative Arrangements* and *IFRIC – Review of Operations: Consultative Document*. The deadline for public comment on both documents is 31 July 2005.

At the Trustees' request, the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) prepared *Due Process of IASB: Draft Handbook of Consultative Arrangements*. The procedures and arrangements described in the handbook reflect the current practice of the IASB. The handbook incorporates the recommendations developed and adopted by the IASB following its consultation in March 2004 and the relevant decisions taken by the Trustees as a result of their Constitution Review.

Many of those who responded to the IASC Foundation's Constitution Review commented on the resources allocated to and the effectiveness of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC). The Trustees concluded that the matters raised were largely operational issues, rather than constitutional matters, but were nevertheless appropriate for the Trustees to consider as part of their oversight role. The IFRIC itself conducted an internal review that addressed many of the concerns raised by respondents. Following a discussion of that review, the Trustees are now publishing the IFRIC's conclusions for public comment. In the light of the comments received the Trustees will consider whether any additional steps are needed to improve the IFRIC's effectiveness.

Commenting on these documents, Paul A Volcker, Chairman of the Trustees and former Chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, said,

In the course of our Constitution Review, the Trustees have considered a wide range of matters regarding the organisation's operations. The IASB has implemented a number of

proposals over the past year to enhance its consultative processes and to further the public's understanding of them. The Trustees welcome the due process handbook as another step in that direction. The Trustees have also come to understand the increasing importance of the IFRIC in assuring consistent implementation of international standards, and we hope that as a result of its own review, the IFRIC will be well-positioned to provide interpretative guidance in a timely manner.

The consultation documents *Due Process of IASB: Draft Handbook of Consultative Arrangements* and *IFRIC – Review of Operations: Consultative Document* can be viewed on the IASC Foundation Website (www.iascfoundation.org).

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NOTE TO EDITORS

The International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC) Foundation, based in London, is the oversight body of the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). The governance of the organisation rests with 19 Trustees, chaired by former US Federal Reserve chairman Paul A Volcker. The IASC Foundation is funded by contributions from the major accounting firms, private financial institutions and industrial companies throughout the world, central and development banks, and other international and professional organisations. The IASC Foundation, through the IASB, is committed to developing, in the public interest, a single set of high quality, global accounting standards that require transparent and comparable information in general purpose financial statements.