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**Agenda Item
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Committee: Ethics
Meeting Location: Vienna
Meeting Date: May 10-11, 2004

Code Re-draft

Objective of Agenda Item

To discuss the proposed changes to the Code in response to comments received on exposure.

Activities Since Last Ethics Meeting

The Code re-drafting Task Force (the TF) held a two-day task force meeting to discuss the proposed changes to the Code to respond to comments received on exposure.

Discussion

At the February meeting, the Ethics Committee discussed the comments received on exposure regarding the structure of the document. Many respondents were concerned that the Code was repetitive. Respondents were also concerned that Parts B and C might be used as standalone documents, and readers would not give appropriate emphasis to Section A.

The TF has removed the repetition from Parts B and C and has also integrated existing Section 8 into the document. When considering the structure, the TF concluded that some re-ordering of Section would improve the flow of the document. The TF also concluded that it would be adopt a consecutive numbering system.

Material Presented

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| Agenda Paper 3-A | Proposed changes to Code – mark-up |
| Agenda Paper 3-B | Proposed changes to Code – clean |
| Agenda Paper 3-C | Detailed cut and paste of comments received on exposure and disposition of comments |

Agenda Paper 3-A is presented in mark-up form and retains the old paragraph numbering so that Committee members can see how the various paragraphs have been amended, deleted or re-ordered.

Agenda Paper 3-B is a clean version with new paragraph numbering (please note that the cross-references contained within paragraphs have not yet been changed).

Given the confusion caused by the system of double numbering (i.e. Section A2.1 vs Section B2.1) at the Committee meeting we will use Agenda Paper 3-B for the discussion purposes.

Next steps

The TF will consider the input from the Committee and will bring a revised draft for approval to the September meeting.

Action requested

1. Please consider the proposed changes.