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Dear Mr Copic

Guidance for Monetary Authorities on the recommended practice in accounting for gold –*Consultation paper*

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the above consultation paper (CP) issued by the World Gold Council.

The CP states that the guidance aims to standardise accounting practices of monetary authorities with respect to gold by establishing a suitable framework that is consistent with the conceptual framework of current financial reporting standards. Since International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) is a major financial reporting framework worldwide, it would be reasonable to expect that in drafting the CP, the author would have referred to the IFRS conceptual framework for financial reporting and be aware that this framework is currently being clarified and updated by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). As currently drafted, we do not think that the aim of the CP can be achieved as the proposals are in conflict with IFRS.

You may also be aware that the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB) is currently reviewing responses to their consultation paper: Public Sector Specific Financial Instruments, which proposals are specifically for guidance of monetary authorities.

We are of the view that the CP has raised some important considerations that would benefit from further discussion and deliberation, we recommend that you send it to the IASB and the IPSASB for consideration as part of their due process.



Please contact Mark Vaessen +44 (0)20 7694 8871 if you wish to discuss any of the issues raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely

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