

# Initial Application of IFRS 17 & IFRS 9— Comparative Information

## Comments

Do you agree with the proposed amendment in this Exposure Draft? Why or why not? If not, what alternative do you propose and why?

### Response

The proposed amendments in this ED are prudent and relevant. Throughout the world, several insurance companies / reporting entities will first apply IFRS 17 *Insurance Contracts* and IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The two Standards provide different reliefs to help entities make the transition to the new requirements. Also, for certain entities, these differences are expected to have a significant effect on the usefulness of the comparative information presented on initial application of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9.

The ED proposes only a narrow-scope amendment to IFRS 17. Hence due to this amendment, an entity would be permitted to present comparative information about such a financial asset as if the classification and measurement requirements of IFRS 9 had been applied to that financial asset. The amendment will also prevent any operational challenges that entities have faced in restating comparative information for IFRS 9

The proposed amendment shall affect any entity that first applies IFRS 17 and IFRS 9 at the same time, in a positive manner, reducing compliance burden and enabling ease of reporting. In keeping with the spirit of the amendment, the IASB has stated that the application of the proposed amendment would be optional

The amendments are welcome .