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Participants

Present:

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Dwight Justice	Labor
Evan Harvey	Investment Institution
Judy Kuszewski	Chair
Julia Wilson	Business Enterprise
Jürgen Buxbaum	Labor
Kent Swift	Civil Society Organization
Kirsten Margrethe Hovi	Business Enterprise
Michel Washer	Business Enterprise
Robyn Leeson	Vice-Chair
Stiaan Wandrag	Business Enterprise
Sulema Pioli	Mediating Institution
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Apologies:

Name	Designation
Daniel Ingram	Investment Institution

In attendance:

Name	Designation
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Pamela Carpio	Senior Coordinator, Governance Relations
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List of abbreviations

AOB	Any other business	PWG	Project working group
GRI	Global Reporting Initiative	SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
GSSB	Global Sustainability Standards Board		
OHS	Occupational health and safety		

1 Decisions and Action Items

2 **DECISIONS**

3 *Session 1:*

4 **GSSB Decision 2017.17** GSSB unanimously approved the [Meeting Summary](#) of the 29 June virtual meeting

6 *Session 2:*

7 **GSSB Decision 2017.19** GSSB approved the [Exposure Draft GRI 303 Water and Effluents](#) with 12 votes in favor.

9 *Session 3:*

10 **GSSB Decision 2017.19** GSSB approved the [Exposure Draft GRI 403 Occupational Health and Safety](#) including the amendments proposed with 13 votes in favor.

12 *Session 4:*

13 GSSB approved the participants for [Item 04 – Proposed Membership for GRI Technical Committee on tax and payments to government](#).

16 **ACTIONS**

GSSB	Action Point
All members	Members to send issues which should be included in the agenda for the September in-person meeting before 7 September
Standards Division	Action Point
Session 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide suggestions on issues that should be highlighted to the public during the exposure period, by means of questions in the consultation document• Noted that it would be important to state in the consultation document, that an additional distinction between freshwater and seawater consumption should be considered
Session 3	Incorporate the concept of 'hierarchy of controls' more clearly in the draft
Session 4 Bastian	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stress the importance of regional representation, increase efforts in finding better balance• Update Daniel Bertossa member's location from Belgium to France

18 **Session 1: Welcome and approval of meeting sum-**
19 **maries**

20 The GSSB and attending GRI Secretariat staff were welcomed to the meeting and presented with
21 an overview of the [meeting agenda](#).

22 The GSSB unanimously approved the meeting summary from the [29 June virtual meeting](#) with no
23 changes.

24 **Session 2: Discuss and approve Exposure Draft of**
25 **GRI 303 Water and Effluents**

26 The GSSB was presented with the most recent changes of the draft [GRI 303: Water and Efflu-](#)
27 [ents](#) that were made in response to feedback from the GSSB and working group.

28 The GSSB was invited to provide suggestions on issues that should be highlighted to the public
29 during the exposure period, by means of questions in the consultation document.

30 The GSSB noted that it would be important to state in the consultation document, that an addi-
31 tional distinction between freshwater and seawater consumption should be considered. GSSB ap-
32 proved the exposure draft GRI 303 with 12 votes in favor

33 **Session 3: Discuss and approve Exposure Draft GRI**
34 **403: Occupational Health and Safety**

35 The GSSB was presented with the most recent changes of the draft [GRI 403: Occupational](#)
36 [Health and Safety](#) that were made in response to GSSB and working group feedback.

37 Requests to incorporate the concept of ‘hierarchy of controls’ more clearly in the draft, was re-
38 ceived ahead of the meeting from one member. The GSSB accepted this request. It was con-
39 cluded that this change does not require another consultation with the working group before ap-
40 proval. The working group will be informed about the changes.

41 The GSSB approved the exposure draft including the amendments proposed with 13 votes in fa-
42 vor.

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44 **Session 4: Discuss and approve Item 04 – Proposed**
45 **Membership for GRI Technical Committee on tax and**
46 **payments to government**

47 The GSSB was presented with [Item 04 – Proposed Membership for GRI Technical Committee](#)
48 [on tax and payments to government](#) and was informed that it is currently not possible to provide
49 a timeline, due to structural challenges the SD is experiencing.

50 The GSSB stressed concerns regarding regional representation, stating that the suggested partici-
51 pants are all from either Europe, USA or Australia, with no representation from areas such as
52 Africa or Latin America. The SD informed that it had taken effort in trying to find balance, how-
53 ever did struggle with finding commitment from those underrepresented regions. The GSSB con-
54 cluded to add a note with the intention to raise more interest from all regions during the public
55 comment period with the possibility of specific workshops in certain regions.

56 The SD was informed that one of the committee members is actually located in France rather
57 than Belgium. This correction was noted and the GSSB concluded that a consensus could be
58 reached on the technical committee membership.

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60 **Session 5: AOB**

61 The GSSB was presented with the [Summary of Technical Queries](#).

62 The SD invited the GSSB to send issues, which should be including in the agenda for the Septem-
63 ber in-person meeting. The SD proposed to discuss this query in more detail at the meeting

- 64 • How organizations should report if the scope of reporting changes either between re-
65 porting periods (i.e. due to mergers) or varies across different disclosures (for example,
66 a company has data on all their sites for some disclosures but only a portion of their
67 sites for other disclosures)

68 Concludingly, Bastian Book thanked Chelsea Reinhardt, who will be leaving GRI as of August
69 2017, for her contribution and remarkable commitment in the name of the SD. The GSSB ex-
70 pressed their thanks for her substantial work and fantastic capacities.

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