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Participants

Present:

Name	Constituency
Atilla Yerlikaya	Business Enterprise
Daniel Taillant	Civil Society Organization
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
Vadakepatth Nandkumar	Mediating Institution

Apologies:

Name	Designation
Daniel Ingram	Investment Institution

In attendance:

Name	Designation
Bastian Buck	Director, Standards Division
Chelsea Reinhardt	Deputy Director, Standards Division
Helen Miller	Assistant Governance Relations
Laura Espinach	Manager, Standards Division
Pamela Carpio	Senior Coordinator, Governance Relations
Gillian Balaban	Standards Assistant

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 with 12 votes in favor.

8 *Session 3:*

9 **GSSB Decision 2017.19** GSSB approved the exposure draft GRI 403 including the amendments proposed with 13 votes in favor.

11 *Session 4:*

12 GSSB approved the participants for the Technical Committee for Tax.

14 **ACTIONS**

GSSB	Action Point	Status
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	Status
Session 2 Anna	<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 Laura	Incorporate the concept of 'hierarchy of controls' more clearly in the draft	

<p>Session 4</p> <p>Bastian</p>	<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 	<p>Completed</p>
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16 Session 1: Welcome and approval of meeting summaries

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

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

22 Session 2: Discuss and approve Exposure Draft of 23 GRI 303 Water and Effluents

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

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

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

31 Session 3: Discuss and approve Exposure Draft GRI 32 403: Occupational Health and Safety

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

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

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

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42 **Session 4: Discuss and approve proposed Technical**
43 **Committee for Tax**

44 The GSSB was presented with the Technical Committee for Tax and was informed that it is cur-
45 rently not possible to provide timeline, due to structural challenges the SD is experiencing.

46 The GSSB stressed concerns regarding regional representation. The SD informed that it had
47 taken effort in trying to find balance, however did struggle with finding commitment from those
48 underrepresented regions. The GSSB concluded to add a note with the intention to raise more
49 interest.

50 The SD was informed that one of the committee members is actually based in France rather than
51 Belgium. This correction was made and consensus could be reached on the technical committee
52 membership.

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54 **Session 5: AOB**

55 The GSSB was presented with the summary of technical queries.

56 The SD invited the GSSB to send issues, which should be including in the agenda for the Septem-
57 ber in-person meeting. The SD proposed to include the flexibility of the Standards regarding how
58 corporations deal with changes in reporting scope.

59 Concludingly, Bastian Book thanked Chelsea Reinhardt for her contribution and remarkable
60 commitment in the name of the SD. The GSSB expressed their thanks for her substantial work
61 and fantastic capacities. Chelsea will be with GRI until 10 August.

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