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### **Objective**

- In July 2020, EFRAG published its <u>Discussion Paper on Accounting for Crypto-Assets (Liabilities)</u> (DP), which was open for consultation until 31 July 2021.
- At the December meeting, constituents' feedback to the DP obtained through comment letters, survey responses and outreach activities was presented to EFRAG TEG. This feedback is summarised in agenda paper 06-03 and detailed in agenda paper 06-04 (included for background reading purposes).
- The objective of this session is to develop EFRAG's position on the way forward in developing IFRS requirements. For this purpose, the EFRAG Secretariat's preliminary recommended options on the way forward in developing IFRS requirements after considering constituents' feedback and as outlined in agenda paper 06-02 will serve as an input for the EFRAG TEG discussion.

# **Background**

- The DP was developed as part of the EFRAG proactive research agenda and was intended to inform the IASB's <u>Third Agenda Consultation</u>. The DP can also be a reference for the possible future standard-setting activity by the IASB and/or any other national standard setter.
- The DP encompasses a problem definition by providing an analysis of the cryptoecosystem (economic characteristics, rights and obligations, and regulatory regimes) and an in-depth analysis of the current gaps in accounting requirements. It also proposes preliminary options for addressing IFRS requirements. It includes the following topics:
  - (a) Accounting for holders;
  - (b) Accounting for issuers;
  - (c) Valuation; and
  - (d) Way forward in developing IFRS requirements.
- The scope of the DP was on the full spectrum of crypto-assets (liabilities) (i.e., it had a broader scope than the <u>2019 IFRS Interpretation Committee (IFRS IC) agenda decision</u> that, based on stakeholder request, focused on holders of cryptocurrencies with no claim on the issuer).
- 7 The DP identifies the following three possible approaches on the way forward for addressing IFRS requirements for crypto-assets (liabilities):
  - (a) Option 1: No amendment to existing IFRS requirements;
  - (b) Option 2: Amend and/or clarify existing IFRS requirements;

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(c) Option 3: A new Standard on crypto-assets (liabilities) or a broader category of digital assets (liabilities).

# Agenda papers

- 8 The rest of the papers for this session include:
  - (a) 06-02- Preliminary recommended options on developing IFRS requirements for Crypto-Assets (Liabilities);
  - (b) 06-03- Summary of feedback received (background reading paper); and
  - (c) 06-04- Detailed analysis of feedback received (background reading paper).