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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: PROPOSED REVISION TO THE CODE ADDRESSING THE OBJECTIVITY OF
ENGAGEMENT QUALITY REVIEWERS**

Refer to the heading above.

NBAA as the PAO responsible for the professional training, development and regulation of the accountancy profession in Tanzania and as the member board of the International Federation of Accountants welcomes the opportunity to provide you with our comments on the Exposure Draft on the proposed revision to the code addressing the objectivity of engagement quality reviewers.

In principle, we are supportive with all of the proposed amendments to the code, however, with the following issue entailed below additional help is expected to be brought about by the Board:

Specific Matter for Comment 1:

Do you support the proposed guidance addressing the topic of the objectivity of an EQR?

Yes: We do agree with the proposed guidance since it will help firms mitigate expected threats to objectivity at an early stage hence put in place measures to curb the threats related to Engagement Quality Review (EQR).

Specific Matter for Comment 2:

If so, do you support the location of the proposed guidance in Section 120 of the Code?

Yes: We do agree with the proposed guidance to be located in Section 120 of the Code, this will help simplifying accessibility of all relevant materials pertaining to Engagement Quality Review (EQR).

Specific Matter for Comment 3:

Do you agree with the IESBA that it would be more appropriate for the IAASB to determine whether a cooling-off requirement should be introduced in proposed ISQM 2 as discussed in Section III.C above, and that the Code should not be prescriptive in this regard?

Yes: We do agree with this proposal but we emphasize the proposed cooling-off period to be principal based as the number of cooling off period will depend on the entity and case by case circumstances.

General comment

As the regulator of accountancy professional in Tanzania we recommend that the proposal in the exposure draft are relevant and are expected to address various relevant circumstances when it comes to issues related to objectivity in the engagement quality review.

If you require any clarification on our comments, please contact the undersigned.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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