



Exposure Draft: 79

Proposed International Public Sector Accounting Standard

Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations

**Response from the Public Accountants  
and Auditors Board (PAAB), Zimbabwe**

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PAAB is pleased to present its comments on this Exposure Draft, which has been reviewed by PAAB's Public Sector Accounting Standards Committee (PSASC).

**Response to Specific Matters for Comment**

Detailed comments on the Specific Matters for Comment are provided in the attached Annex.

We hope this is a helpful contribution to IPSASB's work in this area.

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**Specific Matter for Comment**

The IPSASB decided that there was no public sector specific reason to depart from the measurement requirements of IFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations. However, the IPSASB considers that, where materially different, disclosures of the fair value of non-current assets classified as held for sale measured at a lower carrying amount would provide useful information to users of financial statements for accountability purposes.

The additional proposed disclosure is shown at paragraph 52 of this ED.

Do you agree with this disclosure proposal? If not, why not?

PAAB agrees with the additional proposed disclosure at paragraph 52 which reads; “An entity shall disclose in the notes, the fair value of the non-current asset (or disposal group) classified as held for sale when that non-current asset (or disposal group) is measured at a materially lower carrying amount than fair value.”

This proposed disclosure is consistent with serving the public interest as public sector entities are expected to do. Additionally, it also enhances accountability and transparency which are other important requirements for public sector reporting. All these become specifically important in this circumstance where the measurement is below fair value.