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Dear Siong

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**Comments to - Proposed Revisions to the Code to Promote the Role and Mindset
Expected of Professional Accountants**

The Accounting and Auditing Board of Ethiopia appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Revisions to the Code to Promote the Role and Mindset Expected of Professional Accountants.

We support the Board's proposals and believe they will enable IFAC in its mission to serve the public interest and allow the Board to achieve its objective of strengthening the IESBA Code (the Code) by continuing to set high quality standards that will enhance the profession.

We have provided a summary of our comments below and explain some comments. Moreover we will continue our participation after making comprehensive and thoughtful discussion with our stakeholders on the coming exposure draft.

Question 1.

Role and Values of Professional Accountants

Do you support the proposals in Section 100 that explain the role and values of professional accountants as well as the relationship between *compliance with the Code* and *professional accountants acting in the public interest*? Are there other relevant matters that should be highlighted in these paragraphs?

1.1 Yes

Considering the complexity and diversity of the Accountancy Profession, accountants need more clarifications. The enhanced drafts are insights for Accountants understand and acknowledge their skills and values that the accountants bring to the professional activities they undertake

1.2 No we don't have relevant matters to be highlighted.

Determination to Act Appropriately

Question2.

Do you support the inclusion of the concept of determination to act appropriately in difficult situations and its position in Subsection 111?

Yes

The inclusion of the concept of determination to act appropriately in difficult situations is no doubt. But we assume that concept of determination to act appropriately is better included in professional behaviors in addition to this the Circumstances that the professional accountants face significant difficulties in applying procedures may be good if list as example. And also the term act appropriately has to be defined in glossary.

Professional Behavior

Question 3

Do you support the proposal to require a professional accountant to behave in a manner that is consistent with the profession's responsibility to act in the public interest in paragraphs 110.1 A1 (e) and R115.1?

Yes

Impact of Technology

Question 4

Notwithstanding that the IESBA has a separate Working Group that is exploring the implications of developments in technology, are there any additional matters relating to the impact of technology beyond the proposals in paragraphs 110.1 A1(b)(iii), 113.1 A2 and 120.12 A2 that you consider should be addressed *specifically* as part of the Role and mind set project?

Yes

Addressing technology impacts on role and mind set projects gives intuition Technology Working Group in 2018 to investigate how developments such as artificial intelligence and big data might impact the ethical behavior of Professional accountants.

Inquiring Mind

Question 5

Do you agree with the concept of an inquiring mind as set out in the proposals in Section 120?

Yes

Bias

Question 6

Do you support the approach to addressing bias? If so, do you agree with the list of examples of bias set out in paragraph 120.12 A2? Should any examples be omitted or new ones added?

Yes

We support the approach to addressing bias which shows different dimensions that professional accountants look. Knowing the specific bias may relief professional accountants to give Professional judgment without worries.

Organizational Culture

Question 7

Are there any other aspects about organizational culture in addition to the role of leadership that you consider should be addressed in the proposals?

No