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***Title: Voting result on document ExMC/2060/DV, Draft ToR and Membership of the WG Financial Outlook as prepared and agreed during the January 2024 IECEx Executive Meeting.***

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**INTRODUCTION**

This document contains a summary of the voting results on ExMC/2060/DV, which contains the Draft ToR and Membership of the WG Financial Outlook as prepared and agreed during the January 2024 IECEx Executive Meeting.

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***Summary of Voting results on ExMC/2060/DV*** ***Draft ToR and Membership of the WG Financial Outlook as prepared and agreed during the January 2024 IECEx Executive Meeting.***

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| **Country** | **Vote** | **Comment** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| AUSTRALIA | YES |  |
| BRAZIL | YES |  |
| CANADA | YES |  |
| CROATIA | YES |  |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | YES |  |
| DENMARK | NO | SEE ANNEX A |
| FINLAND | YES |  |
| FRANCE | NR |  |
| GERMANY | YES |  |
| GREECE | YES |  |
| HUNGARY | NR |  |
| INDIA | YES |  |
| ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN | ABSTAIN |  |
| ISRAEL | YES |  |
| ITALY | YES |  |
| JAPAN | YES |  |
| KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA | YES |  |
| MALAYSIA | ABSTAIN |  |
| NETHERLANDS | YES |  |
| NEW ZEALAND | YES |  |
| NORWAY | YES |  |
| PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA | YES | SEE ANNEX A |
| POLAND | NR |  |
| REPUBLIC OF KOREA | NR |  |
| ROMANIA | YES |  |
| RUSSIA | YES |  |
| SINGAPORE | ABSTAIN |  |
| SLOVENIA | YES |  |
| SOUTH AFRICA | YES |  |
| SPAIN | YES |  |
| SWEDEN | ABSTAIN |  |
| SWITZERLAND | ABSTAIN |  |
| TURKEY | YES |  |
| UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | YES |  |
| UNITED KINGDOM | NO | SEE ANNEX A |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | NO | SEE ANNEX A |
| **Members Voting: 36****Members in favour: 24****Abstain: 5****No: 3****NR: 4** | **Final decision: Approved** |
| **Status on: 24 06 17**  |

**Do you agree with the Draft Terms of Reference and Membership of the new IECEx Working Group 20 - Financial Outlook?**

**Yes = In favour No = Against NR = Not returned Abstain**

**ANNEX A**

**DK**

Support the UK comment linked to their negative vote: "The UK Member Body, having reviewed the proposed terms of reference, considers the membership of the finance committee to be too restrictive and not in the spirit of what was discussed at the 2023 ExMC. Any Member Body should be able to nominate experts to the finance working group. Following on from Decision 2023/49 (ExMC/2004A/RM Confirmed Minutes) from the 2023 Edinburgh IECEx Management Committee meeting, the IECEx Executive considered the draft terms of reference (ToR) and membership for the new IECEx WG 20 Financial Outlook. This document contains the Draft ToR and Membership of the WG Financial Outlook as prepared and agreed during the January 2024 IECEx Executive Meeting. The IECEx Executive further propose that this new WG20 Financial Outlook be in place in time to review documents for the November 2024 meeting of the IEC Treasurers, hence seek ExMC approval of these ToRs via correspondence. We will be including an agenda item on this issue at the September 2024 ExMC meeting to enable any further discussion by the members. This document is now submitted for approval by ExMC by voting via correspondence by the ExMC. "

**Secretariat response**

On the basis of the result with a significant majority in favour and following consultation with the IECEx Chair, we are proceeding to form new WG20 as per ExMC/2060/DV as a starting point, however given similar remarks from UK and US, it is planned to include this item on the ExMC 2024 Meeting Agenda for further discussion.

**CN**

There is one suggestion:

please change article a）into：2 experts nominated from each of the Committees that report to the ExMC, namely, ExTAG, ExSFC, ExPCC, ExMarkCo.

**Secretariat response**

The comment of CN is supported as this was the intent of the wording. This CN proposal clarifies and has been included in an updated A Version of the document.

**UK**

The UK Member Body, having reviewed the proposed terms of reference, considers the membership of the finance committee to be too restrictive and not in the spirit of what was discussed at the 2023 ExMC. Any Member Body should be able to nominate experts to the finance working group.

**Secretariat response**

On the basis of the result with a significant majority in favour and following consultation with the IECEx Chair, we are proceeding to form new WG20 as per ExMC/2060/DV as a starting point, however given similar remarks from DK and US it is planned to include this item on the ExMC 2024 Meeting Agenda for further discussion.

**US**

USNC/IECEx supports the establishment of the Working Group, including the terms of reference and the Convenor, but not the membership. Membership should be opened to give Member Bodies the ability to be represented in all financial discussions as noted in US comment ExMC/1983/CD, Decision 2023/49 and in ExMC/2004A/RM. Replace proposed membership with the following:

Membership:

Member Bodies to nominate individuals to participate.

Editorial: Replace the word "considering" with a more definitive term, e.g. determining, assessing, or appraising.

**Secretariat response**

On the issue of Membership and On the basis of the result with a significant majority in favour and following consultation with the IECEx Chair, we are proceeding to form new WG20 as per ExMC/2060/DV as a starting point, however given similar remarks from DK and UK it is planned to include this item on the ExMC 2024 Meeting Agenda for further discussion.

Regarding the editorial remark, the change from “considering” to “appraising” has been inserted into the updated A version.