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OPERATIONALISATION OF THE STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE – APPENDIX 2, FLOWCHART

1. CCEXEC82 has started discussions of the flowchart that forms one of the draft tools proposed for use by Members and Chairpersons to support operationalisation of the statements of principle. Initial exchanges identified some key points in relation to the four versions of the flowchart that have been provided, two in Appendix 2 to CX/EXEC 22/82/3, one in CRD6 to CCEXEC82, and one in CRD7 to CCEXEC82.
2. The attached flowchart seeks to reflect these key points, as follows:
 - The Member for Europe has stressed the potential for other legitimate factors to be raised in risk management discussions at any relevant stage in the elaboration of a standard. This point is now covered in a proposed revision to the text on Statement 2 in Appendix 1 to CX/EXEC 22/82/3 (see CRD8). Inclusion of a title for this flowchart makes clear that it relates to a key subset of these situations, i.e. to discussions on whether to advance or adopt a standard at Step 5, Step 8 or Step 5/8.
 - In their proposals in CRD6, the Member and Co-ordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean, together with other countries from that region, sought to identify those steps which relate to consideration of other factors. This approach is reflected in the attached flowchart, which also indicates those steps which relate to risk management (of which consideration of other factors forms part) and those which relate to risk assessment. This provides clarity on the proper separation of risk assessment and risk management, and incorporates risk assessment considerations, which were absent from the flowcharts originally proposed in Appendix 1 to CX/EXEC 22/82/3.
 - The attached flowchart removes the question “are the conditions of Statement 4 met?”, which is redundant as only if those conditions are met do we reach the appropriate point in the flow chart.
 - In their proposal in CRD7, the Member for North America proposed that we should make clear the steps at the foot of the flowcharts originally proposed in Appendix 2 to CX/EXEC 22/82/3 are a non-exhaustive set of options that the Chairperson might propose to move forward. This useful clarification is adopted in the attached flowchart.
3. Raj Rajasekar, as Chairperson of the sub-committee and in his role chairing discussion of this item, proposes that the attached flowchart is used as the starting point for discussions when CCEXEC82 resumes discussion on 22 June 2022, noon CEST.

Decision guide for Chairpersons in discussions relating to the advancement or adoption of standards at Step 5, Step 8 or Step 5/8

