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Brief Summary of progress since ED

	Tentative Decisions	To be determined
Residual Margin	No gain at inception	Whether and how to unlock
Risk Adjustment	[IASB only] Include independently measured and updated risk adjustment	Disclosures about risk adjustment Two margin vs. Single margin
Time Value of money	Top down approach allowed Not required when the effect of discounting is immaterial	Volatility → OCI presentation Specifying a premium allocation approach
Cash Flows	Expected value considering all relevant information	Acquisition costs
Other matters	Broadly confirmed scope proposed in ED	Investment contracts with DPF Fixed fee service contracts Financial guarantee contracts Transition and effective dates



IFRS 4 Scope

[Tentative Decisions]

- Exclude some fixed-fee service contracts
- Financial guarantee contract would not be in the scope of IFRS 4 as proposed in the ED

- Classification criteria ?
- Investment contracts with DPF?

Building Block 1 – Cash flows

[Tentative Decisions]

- Fulfilment cash flows include all costs that the insurer will incur directly in fulfilling the contracts in the portfolio
- Acquisition costs include all the direct costs that the insurer will incur in acquiring the contracts in the portfolio

[Open Points]

 FASB additionally limit the acquisition costs to those related to successful acquisition efforts



Building Block 2 – Discounting

[Tentative Decisions]

- Objective is to adjust the future cash flows for the time value of money and to reflect the characteristics of insurance liability
- Current rate that is updated each reporting period
- Not required when the effect of discounting is immaterial
- No prescribed method to determining the discount rate
- For par-contracts, use a discount rate that reflects dependence

[Open Points]

Top down approach vs. Bottom up approach



Building Block3 – Risk adjustment

[Tentative Decisions]

- Include an explicit adjustment for risk
- Re-measured in each reporting period

- Two margin approach(IASB) vs. Single Margin(FASB)
- Whether it could be made comparable through disclosures



Building Block4 – Residual Margin

[Tentative Decisions]

- No gain at inception of an insurance contract
- Loss recognition on day one immediately when it occurs
- Unlocked for changes in estimates of future cash flows
- Residual margin allocated over the coverage period

- Whether to unlock the residual margin for changes
 - → FASB's view : Locking the single margin(Composite margin)



Volatility

[Response to the ED]

- Some insurers state that this volatility results from a failure to reflect the asset-liability management inherent to the business
- Most believe that this volatility would result in financial statement that will be difficult to explain, lack comparability

[Sources of Volatility]

- Accounting mismatches occur if assets backing insurance liabilities are not measured on the same accounting treatment
- Short-term market volatility might reverse over the long-term



Volatility

[Addressing volatility]

- Eliminating accounting mismatches by permitting to:
 - √ Present in OCI changes in the insurance liability
 - √ Measure participating and unit-linked liabilities on the same measurement basis as assets
- Use 'a top-down' to determine the discount rate
- More extensive unbundling than proposed in the ED
- Use residual margin to absorb changes



Short duration contracts

[Tentative Decisions]

- Deduct the acquisition costs from the pre-claims obligation
- Reduce the pre-claims obligations over the coverage period
- Perform an onerous contract test in the pre-claims period

- Specifying a premium allocation approach
- Simplifications or exceptions in a premium allocation approach
- Permit or Require ? / Presentation Issue



Presentation

[Tentative Decisions]

- Provide information about premiums, claims and expenses
- Present the building block approach separately from modified approach on the statement of comprehensive income

[Open Points]

 Whether some changes in the insurance liability should be presented in other comprehensive income?



Transition and effective date

[Tentative Decisions]

- Completely Remaining topics
- Review draft or re-exposure ?

- Determine effective date
- Consider effective date for IFRS 9 together with IFRS 4



Thank you!



