

GIAJ comments on the IAIS consultation on the ICS and AM comparability draft definition and high-level principles

Q1 Comment on draft definition	We understand that both ICS and AM results will be used as a trigger of supervisory action. However, we think that the expression
of comparable outcomes	"produce similar results ' over time ' " is unclear. We think this should be clarified when considering the criteria for the comparability
	assessment.
	With regard to what kind of situation envisaged by the phrase "similar results", we understand that such situation can be interpreted
	as ICS and AM results being used on the same footing as a basis of determining the solvency of an insurance group. In other words,
	investors and rating agencies etc. believe that they can duly judge the solvency of an insurance group based on either result.
Q2 Comment on draft High-	The intention behind the phrase "correlated···over the business cycle, not short-term market fluctuations" is unclear. We think
Level Principle 1	this should be clarified when considering the criteria for the comparability assessment.
	Specifically, we assume that this phrase refers to insurance liabilities, as market fluctuations of assets are immediately reflected
	on the capital and risk valuation even under the current capital regulation in the EU and the US etc. However, If the phrase "over
	the business cycle" may mean that the long-term insurance liabilities capture the market fluctuations over the course of realization
	of profits/losses until the maturity of contracts, then we think this is insufficient as one of the criteria to determine comparability.
Q4 Comment on draft High-	We welcome this guiding principle stating that the AM could be more but not less prudent than the ICS.
Level Principle 3	With regard to the situation assumed with the use of the term "prudent" in this principle, we understand that the quantitative
	calculation of the AM produces the same or lower results compared to the quantitative calculation of the ICS under various
	economic and financial market conditions, excluding temporary market stress.
Q6 Comment on draft High-	We welcome this guiding principle referring to a representative sample of Volunteer Groups providing both ICS and AM data. The
Level Principle 5	IAIS should invite a sufficient number of volunteer groups to provide both ICS and AM data to conduct objective and competent
	assessment of whether the AM provides comparable outcomes to the ICS.
Q7 Comment on draft High-	With regard to reference to "the AM being similarly transparent" in terms of "public disclosure", we understand that the AM will be
Level Principle 6	subject to the same standards and guidance on disclosure applied to the ICS under ComFrame.
Q8 General comment	We welcome the progress in the discussion on ICS and AM comparability.