

## GIAJ comments on the IAIS consultation on draft "Application Paper on Resolution Powers and Planning"

Paragraph	Comments
27	PCRs ranging between 70% and 150% are noted as examples of "a higher threshold which authorises the supervisor and/or resolution authority to
	take action". However, even if these are examples of actual cases, the statement can be misleading as the assumption lacks detail. Therefore, the exact
	level of the quantitative thresholds should be listed with names of jurisdictions. In the alternative, the statement should be revised to "when the
	insurer breaches the prescribed capital requirement (PCR);" and deleting the reference to the threshold range.
35	Although it is stated that, "The compensation of an administrator, manager or others providing services shall be paid by the insurer", it could also be
	paid by non-insurers in some jurisdictions. Accordingly, the sentence should be deleted or revised to "The compensation of an administrator,
	manager or others providing services shall, in principle, be paid by the insurer unless otherwise specified in the particular jurisdiction.".
	Although it is stated that, "Whilst the insurer is in resolution, the voting rights attached to shares of the insurer are suspended", the suspension of
37	voting rights is unlikely to be stipulated in some jurisdictions. Accordingly, this sentence should be revised to "the voting rights attached to shares of
	the insurer can be suspended".
	We suggest deleting "The fact that an insurer enters a resolution phase may itself be an indication that some or all Board Members, Senior
39	Management and/or Key Persons do not meet suitability requirements". While we do not deny that Board Members' suitability could be a cause, we
	believe that it is unnecessary to state it given that many factors can lead to an insurer's failure.
104	As we commented on paragraph 109, we agree that proportionality is applied in the development of resolution plans by "limiting the content and level
	of detail of a resolution plan" and that "this standard may be implemented by engaging in simplified resolution planning". In particular, where a plan
	to prepare for a crisis of a gone concern situation is developed for insurers which demonstrate sound financial conditions and show no sign or
	imminent risk of deterioration, a relatively simple plan should suffice as opposed to one created for insurers which fall short on financial soundness.
	Also, the required content and level of detail of a resolution plan should be coherent and consistent with the recovery plan that an insurer or an
	insurance group already have in place as they may overlap in some areas.
108	As there are enough players in the insurance market, and replacement of coverage would be easy even if an insurer failed, we are of the opinion that
	any lack of substitutability would not be a major concern in the insurance sector.



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109	As stated in this paragraph, we agree that proportionality is applied in the development of resolution plans by "limiting the content and level of detail
	of a resolution plan" and that "this standard may be implemented by engaging in simplified resolution planning". In particular, where a plan to
	prepare for a crisis of a gone concern situation is developed for insurers which demonstrate sound financial conditions and show no sign or imminent
	risk of deterioration, a relatively simple plan should suffice as opposed to one created for insurers which fall short on financial soundness. Also, the
	required content and level of detail of a resolution plan should be coherent and consistent with the recovery plan that an insurer or an insurance
	group already have in place as they may overlap in some areas.
112	When developing resolution plans and conducting resolvability assessments, we agree that "the group-wide supervisor and/or resolution authority
	should aim at collecting the information in a manner that is efficient and limits the burden to the insurer" and that as a first step "it is advised to
	request necessary information from other officials responsible for supervising the group", as stated in this paragraph.
	While it is stated that "a preferred resolution strategy that is best capable", the appropriateness of resolution depends largely on the circumstances
	of each case. As such, it is difficult to develop the best capable resolution strategy in advance. Accordingly, for example, this should be revised as
128	follows:
	"The group-wide supervisor and/or resolution authority should develop a sophisticated strategy that pursues capability as much as possible in terms
	of achieving the institution-specific resolution objectives given the structure and the business model of the insurance group, the resolution regimes
	applicable to the legal entities of the group and the resolution tools available to authorities in all relevant jurisdictions".
141	We do not oppose the necessity of the power stated in this paragraph. Nevertheless, as it is stated in paragraph 112, when developing resolution plans
	and conducting resolvability assessments, we also believe that "the group-wide supervisor and/or resolution authority should aim at collecting the
141	information in a manner that is efficient and limits the burden to the insurer" and that as a first step "it is advised to request necessary information
	from other officials responsible for supervising the group".
160	Regarding resolvability assessments, we believe that it is difficult "to evaluate the feasibility and credibility of available resolution strategies" in normal
	times. It is practical to only evaluate whether there are impediments and barriers to resolution strategies.
161	While it is stated that "a resolvability assessment may allow for the consideration of the systemic impact of the insurer to the real economy", it should
	be noted that there are limits to the consideration of the systemic impact of the insurer to the real economy through a resolvability assessment. This is
	because it is difficult "to evaluate the feasibility and credibility of available resolution strategies" in normal times, as we commented on paragraph 160.



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162	We believe that appropriate responses should be taken to ensure that resolvability assessments do not impose an excessive burden on insurers and
	insurance groups. In particular, for those insurers and insurance groups which demonstrate sound financial conditions and no sign or imminent risk
	of deterioration, due consideration should be given to the content and frequency of the assessments.
	In addition, regarding information needed for the assessments, we also believe that "the group-wide supervisor and/or resolution authority should aim
	at collecting the information in a manner that is efficient and limits the burden to the insurer" and that as a first step "it is advised to request
	necessary information from other officials responsible for supervising the group", as stated in paragraph 112.
163	Regarding the assertation that "Assessment of operational resolvability could focus on improving execution and training for escalation processes and
	communication strategies, or engaging in simulation exercises working through the resolution plan", given that they require a lot of resources, we
	believe that it is excessive to ask insurers and insurance groups to participate in such simulation exercises. Since resolvability assessments can be
	achieved using other approaches, this should be revised as follows:
	"Assessment of operational resolvability could focus on improving execution and training for escalation processes and communication strategies, or
	engaging in simulation exercises working through the resolution plan in a time-accelerated exercise with relevant key persons, where appropriate."
181	It is stated that "the supervisor should assess whether insurers required to maintain MISs are able to produce all necessary information on a timely
	basis, both in normal times and in the course of the resolution process" in this paragraph. However, as it is stated in paragraph 112, when developing
	resolution plans and conducting resolvability assessments, we also believe that "the group-wide supervisor and/or resolution authority should aim at
	collecting the information in a manner that is efficient and limits the burden to the insurer", and that as a first step "it is advised to request necessary
	information from other officials responsible for supervising the group".