

SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT ON ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER 2005 – APRIL 2006

The World Bank Publication on Old-Age Income Support

The World Bank issued a publication last year entitled “Old-Age Income Support in the Twenty-First Century: An International Perspective on Pension Systems and Reform.” The Social Security Committee has prepared a formal response to the World Bank on this new position. The IAA due process of public statements has been followed. On March 7, 2006 the draft statement was exposed to a vote by Full Member associations with a deadline of 7th May. The voting results are shown below. No changes to the draft were presented.

Approve:	57/123	91.94%
Against:	0/123	0.00%
Abstain:	5/123	8.06%
Total Voting Rights Cast:	62/123	50.41

The letter has been issued to the World Bank on 9th May 2006.

I would like to express my warm thanks to the drafting task force of their excellent work, especially to Ken Buffin, chairperson of the task force, and to Robert Brown, the vice-chair of the committee. I also thank the IAA Secretariat for their help and advice.

Participation in ICA-2006

The committee has organized jointly with the PBSS Section four sessions on pensions and social security issues in ICA-2006. The program includes a wide range of interesting topics and many outstanding speakers among which the committee members are also well represented. At the Congress the discussion with the World Bank will also continue with a presentation by the Bank and also a presentation by the committee on the IAA’s view.

Other activities

The committee has continued working with the other projects included in the action plan. However, the two above-mentioned projects have taken most of the committee’s resources.

Hillevi Mannonen, Chairperson