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CPP Expansion: Discussion The Good, The Bad, The Unintended **IPEBLA** June 27, 2016

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New CPP: Fully-Funded

That's Good: --Minimizes Intergenerational Transfers of Wealth --Implies Enhanced Security to Participants --Consistent with CPP Legislation



New CPP: Fully-Funded

That's Bad:

 --Means Full New Benefits not available for at least 39 years (After long gradual implementation)
--Larger Fund will accentuate volatility (versus demographic volatility if PAYGO)



New CPP: Pan Canadian (But PQ)

That's Good:

--It is Large

--Can Invest in Infrastructure and Private Equity

--Should result in low management expenses

--Can pay lifetime benefits: Collective Longevity Risk



New CPP: Pan Canadian (But PQ)

That's Bad:

--Fund will Accrue \$1T in new assets: where do you invest this much money?



New CPP: Target Benefit Plan

That's Good:

--Has an Automatic Balancing Mechanism

--Should create Stability and Sustainability

--Consistent with Existing CPP Design



New CPP: Target Benefit Plan

That's Bad: --Will Participants understand it is not a Guaranteed DB Plan? --What happens when you have to freeze or even decrease benefits? --Or Increase Contributions?



New CPP: Consequences

They're Good:

--Workers with no or low workplace plan get new benefit

--Small plans close and move to more efficient CPP



New CPP: Consequences

They're Bad:

- --How many small but good plans will close?
- --Lower-income workers will pay more in, but get little more out net of GIS/OAS/Welfare Clawbacks

--Does it hit the correct target audience (e.g., YBE = \$3500)?

- --Could discourage private savings
- --Could discourage private sector innovation



New CPP: Alternatives

--Is this a "One Size Fits All" Solution? --Why aren't we doing more to facilitate Pooled Pension Plans in the Private Sector?





--Let's Talk

