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From: Interim Actuarial Standards Subcommittee of the Executive Committee

Re: Discussion Draft of a Statement of Intent to issue an International Standard of Actuarial Practice on Enterprise Risk Management

We are pleased to attach a discussion draft of a Statement of Intent (SOI) to issue an International Standard of Actuarial Practice (ISAP) on actuarial work performed in connection with Enterprise Risk Management (ERM). This SOI has been drafted by the ERM Task Force of the Interim Actuarial Standards Subcommittee (IASSC) of the IAA Executive Committee (EC).

ISAPs are model standards intended to be suitable for adoption by IAA Member Associations, in particular those who are standard setters, and other actuarial standard-setting organizations, who wish to do so. It is the IAA’s intent that by publishing model international standards it will encourage the creation and convergence of national actuarial standards.

When the IASSC was first created, ERM was identified by the EC as one of the five priority areas for which the IASSC was to prepare a proposal for an ISAP. This discussion draft of an SOI is the result. It should be noted however that the view has been expressed in some quarters that an International Actuarial Note (IAN) would be more suitable at this juncture than an ISAP. (IANs are educational and non-binding in nature. They represent a statement of appropriate practices, although not necessarily defining uniquely practices that would be adopted by all actuaries.)

We ask you to distribute this discussion draft SOI (located under Publications on the IAA Website) widely within your organization. The deadline for comments on this discussion draft is 16 May 2012. Comments (from your organization or your members) should be addressed to SOI.comments@actuaries.org with “ERM” in the e-mail header. The preferred format for submitting comments is e-mail or an MS Word (or equivalent) attachment. All comments will normally be posted to the International Actuarial Association website identifying the commenter(s). However, in exceptional cases, in response to a request which the IAA Secretariat is satisfied is for a valid reason, comments may be either posted to the website anonymously or withheld from the website.

We ask particularly that you consider the questions in the attached survey, which can be completed online at http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22F5MSSXDOQF.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. The IASSC and its ERM Task Force look forward to your response.