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Re: AAA comments on the IAIS *Standard on Group-wide Regulatory Requirements and Guidance on Group-wide Supervision Framework (GSF)*

The American Academy of Actuaries'¹ Risk Management and Solvency Committee (RMSC) has completed a review of the June 24 draft IAIS Standard and prepared the attached comments in the format requested by the IAIS.

On behalf of the American Academy of Actuaries' Risk Management and Solvency Committee, I wish to thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions or need further information on our comments, please feel free to contact Senior Risk Management and Financial Reporting Policy Analyst, Tina Getachew, at getachew@actuary.org or at (202) 223-8196.

Sincerely,

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**Member and Observer Comments on IAIS Draft paper:
Standard on Group-wide Regulatory Requirements and Guidance on Group-wide Supervision Framework (GSF)
Draft, 24 June 2010**

Comments due by 23 August 2010

Name	Section or paragraph reference	Comment	Resolution (for use of the Secretariat only)
We have one major issue:			
American Academy of Actuaries (Academy)	23.10	There is no substance around the issue of how the group-wide supervisor will be able to obtain the necessary legal authority to perform the tasks required, either on his/her own or as part of a supervisory college. This will likely be the biggest practical issue to any group-wide supervision. It will be important how the leader is selected and that others are mandated to follow. This document should address this issue.	
These are smaller items:			
Academy	Throughout the paper	There are many terms such as “could,” “may” and “should” throughout the document. We feel that GSF will have a better chance at success if there were more commanding terms than option-suggesting terms. As written, the document does not seem to be a standard but more in the nature of recommendations for good practice.	
Academy	23.11.2	This paragraph states that Figure 4 illustrates clear linkages between certain items. We do not think Figure 4 shows any linkages clearly.	