

## **Code of Conduct for the Observer at meetings of the Board of Directors**

The Board has decided to accept the participation of a non-Board member central bank Governor (a member of the Economic Consultative Committee), as Observer to the BIS Board meetings. The Observer is invited to sit at the Board table, to contribute to the Board's discussions and, possibly, to become a member in one of the existing Board Committees which are established pursuant to Article 43 of the Statutes (and may include non-Board members). However, the Observer is not entitled to formally participate in the adoption of resolutions or to vote, and could not be given proxy from other directors to vote on their behalf. Moreover, the Observer's presence shall not be counted should there ever be a need to determine a quorum of directors present.

This Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Board of Directors to provide guidance on matters of professional and personal behaviour of an Observer, similarly to the Code of Conduct for Board members. Nothing in this Code of Conduct is intended to impose commitments on the Observer that are inconsistent with the duties and obligations of the Observer to his/her home central bank.

- (1) The Observer should adhere to the highest standards of ethical conduct and comply with all laws, rules and regulations to which he/she is subject.
- (2) When participating to Board meetings as an Observer, the Observer is expected to take into account the interests of the BIS to the best of his/her ability and judgment, consistent with his/her responsibilities to his/her home central bank and to the exclusion of any personal advantage. In particular, the Observer shall strive to avoid actions (including actions regarding his/her personal interests) which would have a negative impact on the interests of the BIS.
- (3) When making any public statements on BIS-related matters, the Observer should make clear that he/she is speaking in his/her own name and consult, if possible, beforehand with the Chairman.
- (4) If a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, with the BIS arises, the Observer should take action, as appropriate, to address the conflict. The Observer should inform the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, who may, if appropriate, raise the matter with the Board.
- (5) The Observer should maintain the confidentiality of non-public information about the BIS or its activities or operations to which he/she has access by virtue of his/her participation to Board meetings ("Confidential BIS Information"), although he/she may disclose this information to other officers or employees of his/her home central bank on a need-to-know basis, provided such officers or employees are under a similar obligation of confidentiality to their home central bank.
- (6) If the Observer is required to disclose Confidential BIS Information by the laws of his/her home country, he/she should inform the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of any such requirement, if practicable in advance, who may, if appropriate, raise the matter with the Board.
- (7) The obligations set out in paragraphs 5 and 6 of this Code of Conduct shall continue after the Observer steps down.