4DIRECT INVESTMENT TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP (DITEG)

OUTCOME PAPER (DITEG) #16

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- (1) Topic: Use of maturity and instrument split for direct investment
- (2) Issues see DITEG Issues Papers #16
- (3) Recommendations:
- (i) There was no consensus on this issue. Some members favored the maximum instrument detail, without expressing much interest in a maturity split; others had the reverse view, emphasizing maturity over instrument; some favored both maturity and instrument split; some felt the detail for both maturity and instrument split should be part of the standard components; others felt that the detail for both maturity and instrument should be supplementary. Some saw original maturity split as being more useful; others felt it was only residual maturity that mattered. No one who spoke supported the status quo.
- (ii) Some members expressed concerns about the practicality of all the possible permutations.
- (4) Rejected Alternatives:

None

- (5) Questions for the Committee and the WIIS:
 - (i) Do the Committee and the WIIS wish to adopt:
 - a) an instrument split for direct investment that is consistent with the SNA instrument breakdown?
 - b) a maturity split?
 - (ii) If yes to both (i) a) and (i) b), which should take precedence in priority?
 - (iii) If yes to both (i) a) and (i) b), should they both, either, or neither be standard components?