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**Treatment of Pooled Assets**

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- (1) **Topic:** Treatment of Pooled Assets
- (2) **Issues:** See RESTEG Issues Paper #6
- (3) **Outcome of the Discussions:**

(i) RESTEG agreed to the inclusion of text on pooled assets in the new *Manual*. In determining the inclusion of pooled assets in reserves or not, RESTEG emphasized the importance of who has control over the pooled assets, the legal framework of the arrangements, and the liquidity of, and the ability of a participant to withdraw their claim. The ability to raise foreign exchange funds would also be a critical aspect.

(ii) RESTEG discussed the quality and country concentration of the underlying assets and of underlying investments in assets denominated in domestic currency. RESTEG agreed that a concentration of the underlying assets in claims that constrained the ability of that country to generate external liquidity and/or would result in the value of the instrument being adversely affected in a time of crisis would cause considerable doubt as to whether the instrument could be included in reserve assets. Appropriate text should be included in the new *Manual*.

(iii) On memorandum and supplementary items, a provisional view was that the same type of criteria as for investment funds could be considered—if pooled assets are included in reserves, a memorandum item—so that the amount of pooled assets in reserves were identified. If pooled assets are excluded from reserves, a supplementary item could be considered, indicating the amount of assets excluded. The type of information presented in the supplementary item could cover foreign currency assets that are claims on nonresidents and meet the definition of reserves, except for the fact that there are legal and institutional restraints on their ready availability.

- (4) **Rejected Alternatives:**

None.

- (5) **Action:**

*RESTEG outcomes to be incorporated in the draft Manual for IMF Committee on Balance of Payments Statistics (BOPCOM) review. Memorandum and supplementary items to be considered by BOPCOM.*