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**Statement by Mr. Geadah and Ms. Abdelati on The Central Bank Transparency Code -
Staff Proposal
(Preliminary)
Executive Board Meeting
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We thank staff for the Central Bank Transparency (CBT) proposal, with modified labels for the categories, in line with ED's requests. We appreciate the engagement of an external advisory panel of eminent former central bank governors and academics with diverse backgrounds. We also appreciate the rigorous process of consultation with the Board.

The revisions to the CBT usefully expand the coverage of activities that central banks have been taking since 2008. We see positive scope for the CBT to contribute to improved communication between the central bank and its various stakeholders. This could also contribute to enhancing accountability. We note that some central banks have already used the CBT's Exposure Draft to gauge their transparency practices.

In principle, we support the idea of pilot reviews as a way to test the usefulness of the new guidance tool. However, it is not clear that this work should be a priority given the competing demands on Fund resources. Of the 4-6 pilot countries envisaged over the next two years, *how many are likely to have already used the Exposure Draft?*

Staff suggests reporting the outcome of the pilots to the Board in the form of aggregate analysis. It is not clear how practical this will be when it is planned to select different central banks reflective of the membership. *Could staff comment on the likely challenges on reporting aggregate data on a few case studies with different country size and degree of development?*