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List of Topics for Consideration by the Balance of Payments Technical Expert Group (BOPTEG)

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1 Where a topic is italicized, it is to indicate that another technical expert group has primary carriage; the topic has been included here as BOPTEG will have an interest in the issue.

2 The agency shown is to prepare an issues paper for consideration by BOPTEG.

3 Indicates which other group(s) are involved in the subject: DITEG = Direct Investment Technical Expert Group, CUTEG = Currency Union Technical Expert Group, UNTSGMNP = the United Nations Technical Sub-Group on the Movement of Natural Person – Mode 4 (UNTSGMNP), TFSITS = Task Force on Statistics on International Trade in Services.

4 Indicates the priority the IMF Committee on Balance of Payments Statistics accorded the topic: High1 indicates that the subject will be considered at the first meeting of the BOPTEG, High2 indicates that the topic will be considered at the second and subsequent meetings of BOPTEG. Should there be time, the other topics will be considered, according to the priority indicated.
9. SPEs and shell and holding companies (units, sectorization, residence, transactions)  
   IMF  DITEG  High1  (CUTEG, for information)

10. Residence of corporations (see also SPEs and holding companies)  
    IMF  DITEG  Medium  (CUTEG, for information)

11. Application of direct investment to government corporations  
    IMF  DITEG  Medium  (CUTEG, for information)

12. Untraded and formerly traded securities in portfolio investment  
    IMF  High2

13. Traded loans—criteria to become portfolio investment  
    IMF  High2

14. Goods for processing, Re-exports, Trans-shipment  
    UK  CUTCUTEG, for information  High1  
    France  TFSITS (for information)  High1  
    Hong Kong, SAR

15. Repairs on goods  
    IMF  TFSITS (for information)  Medium

16. Merchanting (for information)  
    IMF  TFSITS  Medium

17. Classification of services (for information)  
    IMF  TFSITS  High1

18. Direct investment—re-invested earnings (including negative reinvested earnings)  
    IMF  DITEG  High1

19. Retained earnings of mutual funds, and rerouting of investment income of technical reserves of life insurance enterprises and pension funds  
    IMF  DITEG  High1
20. Interest on debt securities  | ECB  | High1
| UK  | 
| Australia | 
21. Income on securities lending and reversible gold transactions  | IMF  | Low
| Australia | 
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| UNTSGMNP | 
23 Mutual insurance  | USA  | Medium
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   - Reconciliation with *SNA*  | IMF  | High2
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| WTO |
- Data dissemination and quality | IMF | High2
- Payments for use of assets | IMF | Medium
- Transactions with IMF | IMF | High2
- Research agenda | IMF | DITEG
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