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**Agenda item 3. Review of progress in harmonization and  
practical implementation of sustainability reporting,  
assurance and ethical consideration**

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**Q1. Can the (group) firm be sufficiently and appropriately involved in the assurance work?**

**Yes: Section 5405**

**No: Section 5406**

**Q2** Is the assurance work performed at the client (including group component (GC)) or a value chain component (VCC)?

Client (Including GC)

Value Chain Component

**Q3** Is the assurance work performed by the firm or a CP within the network?

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**Within Network**

**Outside Network**

**Within Network**

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Independence of the network (i.e., group firm and network firms) from the client (including GC)

Independence of the network from the client (including GC).

Independence of the CP from the GC and parent entity on which group firm is reporting\*

Independence of the firm or the network firm, as applicable, from the VCC

*(independence not required of other network firms from the VCC)\*\**

Independence of the CP from the VCC

*(independence not required of the network from the VCC)\*\**

**Section 5405, Group Sustainability Assurance Engagements**

**Section 5406, Another Practitioner Whose Assurance Work is Used in a Sustainability Assurance Engagement for a Single Entity or Group**

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Client (Including GC)

Value Chain Component

Request confirmation of independence of AP (and individuals from AP performing the assurance work) from the entity where AP performs assurance work\*\*

Be satisfied about or confirm independence of AP from the VCC (e.g. by statement in public report by AP) or request confirmation from AP  
*(independence not required of the network from the VCC)\*\**

**Independence of Group Members (GSAT)**

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**Within Network**

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Independence of GSAT within, or engaged by, the network from the client (including GC)

Independence of GSAT within, or engaged by, CP outside of network from GC, parent entity on which group firm is reporting, and chain of control in between\*

Independence of GSAT within, or engaged by, group firm or CP, as applicable, from VCC\*

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*(no specific requirements regarding individuals from AP performing the assurance work)*