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Issue	Article	Comment	Concise statement why your comment should be taken on board
Compliance with article 113(7)(b)	113	Clarification	The ECB should clarify what is meant by provide support to insure solvency, especially in the context of BRRD. In particular it should be clarified if the support only means that solvency ratios should be met, and in that case which ratios, if it means that members of the IPS should prevent resolution, and under what conditions, if this support would also apply to capital instruments or not (AT1 & Tier 2). If it does not apply to Tier 2 & AT1 then it does not seem adequate that those capital instruments should be allowed to be risk-weighted at 100% for members of the IPS. This would clearly create distortions. Moreover, it should be clarified if supporting solvency means supporting senior instruments (including bonds) under a possible bail-in scenario. If cases of bail-in are not supported, the consistency of the support seems very weak. The question is particularily relevant in the context of OvAG which entered into a resolution process with no



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support from its other IPS members showing that in effect the true impact of the IPS was nil. At the time, members of the IPS made it very clear to investors that did not have any commitments towards OvAG because solvency ratios were met but the results of the comprehensive assessment was still enough to trigger resolution tools leading to losses for investors.

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