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Minutes of the Operations Managers Working Group (“OMWG”) Meeting, April 7, 2022

Meeting was held via teleconference

OMWG Members:

James Wallin	Alliance Bernstein
Eric Wesolowski	Bank of New York Mellon
HJ Knerr	Bank of New York Mellon
Louis Rosato	Blackrock
Daniel Lennon (Chair)	CLS
Susan Page	Credit Suisse
Nicholas Picini	HSBC
Matthew Smith	JP Morgan
Anthony Ghibesi	Standard Chartered
Stace Banta	State Street
Claudia Cassinari	SWIFT
Thomas Caballero	UBS
Lisa Mahon Lynch	Wellington
John Fusco	Wells Fargo
Tahir Mahmood	Wells Fargo
Sherine Shah	XTX

Federal Reserve Bank of New York (“FRBNY”)

Thomas Noone
Sanja Peros
Kathy Ramirez (Secretary)
Geza Sardi

Additional Participants

Kelly Roberts	Federal Reserve Board of Governors
Aleksandra Petkovic	Federal Reserve Board of Governors

FXC Update

To signal support for the Global FX Code, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has posted its renewed Statement of Commitment along with a desk statement on its public website. Members of the FXC and the OMWG were reminded to post their renewed statement of commitment by July of this year.

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The group then discussed SIFMA's initiative to move U.S. securities settlement to T+1. SIFMA's initial market consultation did not raise any material concerns in the FX market. The FXC Chair requested the OMWG to assess any broader operational implications in the FX space.

Subsequently, the group heard an update from the Emerging Markets Trade Association's ("EMTA") regarding the Russian ruble. EMTA has published a document that provides guidance on converting ruble deliverable to non-deliverable contracts. Lastly, the group covered its markets and return to the office discussion.

Financial Markets Lawyers Group ("FMLG") Update

The FMLG concluded its first session of the Quadrilateral with its three sister groups from Frankfurt, London, and Tokyo. The topics included cryptocurrency and the war in Ukraine. The discussion on cryptocurrency focused on how private currencies and stable coins would interact with a public central bank digital currency. On the war in Ukraine, presentations focused on describing the sanction programs from each of the four jurisdictions where the groups operate. The next Quadrilateral meeting will be held on October 6th.

CLS Update

Volumes and values have increased as a result of increased volatility in the FX markets. Member incidents and pay-in delay totals are trending below 2020 numbers, and trending at pace with 2021 numbers. Staffing continues to be effective.

SWIFT Update

SWIFT is experiencing an increase in volume of payments and securities activity due to market volatility. SWIFT continues to focus on the ISO20022 migration and reported several central banks migrating to this new market infrastructure.

Return to the office discussion

A majority of the members reported employing a hybrid work environment with staff working in the office two to three days a week. Inter-office travel has opened, and firms hosting conferences are hosting in-person events. Staff development and talent retention continues to be a concern as firms mold the future of work.

Ukraine Crisis: Operational issues

Members happily reported that much of the operational issues and noise experienced at the start of the crisis have abated. Positions have been closed out, the amount of daily activity has decreased, and the work to switch nostro banks has been completed resulting in smoother settlement.

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Administrative Matters

The next OMWG meeting will be on May 26, 2022.