Minutes of the Foreign Exchange Committee Meeting
Meeting, October 13, 2016
Host: Barclays

FXC Attendees:

ADNAN AKANT  Fischner Francis Trees & Watts
ANTHONY BISEGNA  State Street
ROBERT BOGUCKI  Barclays
JOSE LUIS DAZA  QFR Capital Management
MARIA DOUVAS  Morgan Stanley
ROBERT EBY  Wells Fargo
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RUSSELL LASCALA  Deutsche Bank
DENIS MANELSKI  Bank of America Merrill Lynch
MICHAEL O’BRIEN  Eaton Vance
DAVID PUTH  CLS
TROY ROHRBAUGH  JP Morgan
JODI SCHENCK  Citi
CHRIS TAENDLER  Goldman Sachs
CHRIS VOGEL  Blackrock
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Federal Reserve Bank of New York Attendees:

CHRISTINA GETZ
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SIMON POTTER
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BENJAMIN SNODGRASS, Counsel
1. FXC Compliance Workshop

The FXC hosted a Compliance Workshop on September 20 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Compliance professionals from buy-side and sell-side firms and market infrastructure providers attended the event. The workshop focused on relevant compliance topics such as FX risk mitigation frameworks including the three lines of defense framework. Workshop attendees discussed approaches to implementation of the three lines of defense model and how that implementation varies across institution types. Another workshop topic included how to manage compliance risk in the FX market. Workshop attendees discussed how their institutions manage compliance risk through various channels such as trading desk setups, training of staff, addressing conflicts of interest and escalating suspicious activity.

2. Update on the work sponsored by the BIS’ Markets Committee Foreign Exchange Working Group

Private sector members discussed feedback on draft materials related to the second phase of ongoing work to develop a new FX Global Code. They discussed feedback that emerged during their review of topics in the risk management and compliance, governance, execution and prime brokerage sections of the draft. Private sector members provided comments for consideration in the next draft. The Committee remains engaged in the Global FX Code development process and will provide feedback on draft materials as appropriate going forward.

3. Market Discussion

Private sector members discussed events in the FX market such as the sharp price action in the British pound against the US dollar at the start of the Asian trading session on October 6. They discussed various factors that could have contributed to the price action and indicated that there was not one clear cause for the move. Some factors included the triggering of stop-loss orders and barrier option levels, algorithmic-based trades that perhaps exacerbated the volatility, retail driven flows and thin liquidity conditions at the time of the event.

4. Other business

The next FXC meeting is scheduled for December 15 at 12:00 PM and will be hosted by JP Morgan.