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## **Joint Statement on the Inaugural Meeting of the Joint EU-Japan financial regulatory forum**

**The inaugural meeting of the Joint EU-Japan financial regulatory forum was held in Tokyo on 11<sup>th</sup> October. (The earlier Japan-EU High Level Meeting on financial Issues was transformed into this Forum in line with the Annex for Regulatory Cooperation on Financial Regulation contained in the Japan-EU economic partnership agreement (EPA)). This year's meeting provided an important opportunity for Senior Officials from both sides to exchange views on the recent regulatory and supervisory developments in the financial sector at international level and in their respective jurisdictions.**

The Joint EU-Japan financial regulatory forum was chaired by Mr. Ryozo Himino, Vice Minister for International Affairs of the Financial Services Agency of Japan (JFSA) and by Mr. Olivier Guersent, Director-General at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union. The JFSA and the European Commission were joined by Senior Officials of the Bank of Japan, the European Central Bank, the European Banking Authority, the European Securities and Markets Authority and the Single Resolution Board.

The participants discussed the regulatory cooperation framework under the Japan-EU EPA; notably the progress and way forward to strengthen their bilateral cooperation and the possibility of coordination in international fora such as the G20 and the Financial Stability Board. In addition, JFSA and EU participants discussed the EU's equivalence and the Japanese deference frameworks, including possible enhancements in information exchange between both jurisdictions.

They used the opportunity to brief each other on the recent developments in the financial sector in the EU and in Japan, mainly in the banking sector and capital markets. In particular, the participants discussed the state of the implementation of Basel III reforms. The European Commission presented the achievements of the outgoing Commission in the area of financial services policy. They exchanged views on the benefits and challenges represented by the development of financial technology (fintech). The participants discussed issues related to cybersecurity and stablecoins.

The participants discussed their respective initiatives in the field of sustainable finance. The EU and Japan re-iterated their commitment to strengthen cooperation, to share experiences and to promote ways to support deployment of private capital towards sustainable investments globally. They agreed that for such a cooperation to be effective it shall be pursued together with other like-minded countries through diverse ranges of channels.

The JFSA and Single Resolution Board exchanged letters on cooperation in the area of banking resolution. This exchange of letters will provide a solid basis for effective cooperation for cross-border resolution planning and implementation. They also agreed to



co-hosting a Japan-Banking Union resolution workshop within the coming year as part of continued cooperation between the two jurisdictions.

Participants agreed to engage on the various topics discussed during the meeting, as well as on other topics of mutual interest ahead of the next Forum meeting, which is foreseen to take place in Brussels in 2020.