

FSB Financial Statements

1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020



The Financial Stability Board (FSB) coordinates at the international level the work of national financial authorities and international standard-setting bodies in order to develop and promote the implementation of effective regulatory, supervisory and other financial sector policies. Its mandate is set out in the FSB Charter, which governs the policymaking and related activities of the FSB. These activities, including any decisions reached in their context, shall not be binding or give rise to any legal rights or obligations. Contact the Financial Stability Board Sign up for e-mail alerts: www.fsb.org/emailalert Follow the FSB on Twitter: @FinStbBoard E-mail the FSB at: fsb@fsb.org Copyright © 2020 Financial Stability Board. Please refer to the terms and conditions

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Executive summary

The FSB coordinates, at the international level, the work of national financial authorities and international standard-setting bodies in order to develop and promote the implementation of effective regulatory, supervisory and other financial sector policies. In collaboration with the international financial institutions, the FSB also addresses vulnerabilities affecting financial systems in the interest of global financial stability.

This report contains the financial statements of the FSB, for the 12-month period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, together with details on the FSB governance arrangements and the transparency and accountability mechanisms. A detailed explanation of the activities undertaken to implement the mandate and tasks of the FSB is provided to G20 Leaders in an annual report on the implementation and effects of the post-crisis financial regulatory reforms.¹ More information about the FSB's activities is available on its website.²

Financial Stability Board in numbers

68 member institutions, comprising ministries of finance, central banks, and supervisory and regulatory authorities from **25** jurisdictions, **10** of which are emerging market and developing economies, as well as **10** international organisations and standard-setting bodies; **6** Regional Consultative Groups reaching out to **70** other jurisdictions around the world; **33** Secretariat staff; **3** public consultations on policy recommendations during 2019/20.

The last report was published in October 2019, <u>Implementation and Effects of the G20 Financial Regulatory Reforms: Fifth Annual Report.</u>

More information on the FSB <u>flagship reports</u> and <u>governance</u> is available on the FSB website.

1. Financial Statements

As at 31 March 2020

The audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2020 were approved on 19 August 2020 pursuant to Article 4 of the Articles of Association.

Randal K. Quarles
Chairman

Dietrich Domanski Secretary General

Statement of activities

For the year ended 31 March			
CHF thousands	Notes	2020	2019
Contributions from the BIS and Members	6		
Contributions received		13,297	12,963
Operating expenses	5.2, 7		
Management and staff expenses			
Basic salary and allowances		(9,256)	(8,471
Charges under pension scheme		(2,093)	(2,093
Health and accident insurance		(425)	(459
Other personnel expenses		(284)	(420
		(12,058)	(11,443
Administrative expenses			
Staff travel		(700)	(1,089
Other administration expenses		(518)	(409
Audit fee		(21)	(22
		(1,239)	(1,520

Notes to the financial statements

1. Nature of organisation

The FSB was established in April 2009 as the successor to the Financial Stability Forum (FSF). In January 2013, the FSB established itself as an association ("Verein") under Swiss law with its office at the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), Centralbahnplatz 2, Basel - 4002, Switzerland.

The FSB's membership comprises authorities from jurisdictions that are responsible for maintaining financial stability, such as ministries of finance, central banks, supervisory and regulatory authorities; international financial institutions; and international standard-setting, regulatory, supervisory and central bank bodies. The list of member institutions of the FSB is set out in the annex.

The FSB's governance procedures are set out in Section 3 of this report, and its transparency and accountability framework in Section 4.

As detailed in Note 2.2, at present the FSB receives the majority of its funding and services support on the basis of an agreement executed on 28 January 2013 between the FSB and the BIS ("the Agreement").

2. Administration of the FSB

2.1. Secretariat

The FSB functions under the overall direction of a part-time Chair, who is appointed by and reports to the Plenary, and supported by a Secretariat located in Basel. The Chair is not compensated for his services to the FSB. The Secretariat is headed by a full-time Secretary General, who is also appointed by the Plenary and reports to the Chair. Most of the Secretariat members are proposed by FSB member authorities and institutions, and the employment contracts of the Secretary General and Secretariat members are concluded with the BIS and based on BIS employment terms and salary structure. The FSB has no direct employment relationship with any Secretariat personnel.

2.2. Funding of the FSB

At present, the FSB receives the majority of its funding and services support from the BIS under the Agreement between the FSB and the BIS. The Agreement, signed on 28 January 2013, was for an initial term of five years and subject to an automatic renewal for further successive five-year fixed terms unless either party gives the other not less-than-one-year termination notice prior to expiry of the term. On 15 November 2016, the BIS Board agreed to extend the Agreement for another five-year period, from January 2018 to January 2023. The overall provision of funding and services by the BIS to the FSB under the Agreement is subject to a five-year budget framework, with the FSB providing an annual budget proposal for its operations to the BIS for each financial year.

The majority of the financial support the BIS provides to the FSB comes in the form of contributions to cover staff compensation and other expenditures, such as travel and subscriptions, which are directly attributable to FSB activities. This support, along with any other similar directly attributable services provided by other members, is recognised in the statement of activities as contributions from members and as operating expenses.

In addition, the FSB is hosted at the BIS premises and benefits from administration, accounting, human resources, meeting facilities, office space, equipment, information technology and other services, which are provided free of charge and not included as an expense in the statement of activities.

3. Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). They cover the year ended 31 March 2020, and present the comparative figures for the prior period. They were approved for publication by the FSB Plenary on 19 August 2020.

4. Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Swiss Francs, which is the FSB's functional currency. All amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise indicated.

5. Accounting policies

The FSB has consistently applied the following accounting policies throughout the period.

5.1. Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical-cost basis.

5.2. Presentation of financial information

Due to the nature of the organisation and its current governance under the Agreement, the FSB has no assets or liabilities nor generates any revenue. The FSB has no shares or capital, and receives all funding for its operations in the form of contributed services (both direct and indirect expenses) from the BIS and certain other members.

Accordingly, these financial statements contain a statement of activities but do not include a statement of financial position, a statement of cash flows or a statement of changes in net assets, as these are not meaningful under the current setting.

5.3. Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the functional currency at the effective exchange rates on the dates of the transactions.

5.4. New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new IFRS standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 April 2020. These have not been early-applied in preparing these financial statements. The FSB evaluated the potential effect of these standards and concluded that they will not have a material impact on its financial statements.

6. Contribution from the BIS and other Members

During the reporting period, the BIS and two other Members (the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and one FSB Member authority) contributed to the operations of the FSB Secretariat. These contributions included funding of staff, travel and other directly incurred expenses. The following table outlines the value of the contributions received by the FSB during the reporting period and the headcount at year-end by the classification of the contributor.

For the financial year ended 31 March

		2020		2019	
		Contribution (in '000 CHF)	Average headcount	Contribution (in '000 CHF)	Average headcount ³
1. B	BIS	12,939	30.4	12,817	30.2
2. O	Others	358	1.9	146	0.6
Т	Γotal	13,297	32.3	12,963	30.8

As at 31 March

		2020	2019
		Headcount	Headcount
1	BIS	31	29
2	Others	2	1
	Total	33	30

7. Operating expenses

The FSB recognises the value of directly attributable expenses in its statement of activities. The majority of these directly attributable expenses are for personnel costs and where available, the FSB uses the actual costs incurred by the provider of the resources. These include salary and allowances; health and accident insurance; post-employment benefits and various other personnel-related costs.

In order to provide consistency in reporting, where actual personnel cost incurred by the provider of personnel is not available, the FSB has used estimates based on averages of similarly situated professionals (usually based on the professional's job position grade).

Other directly attributable expenditures include travel, meeting costs and subscriptions.

The BIS's provision of premises and administrative support are free of charge and not included as an expense in the statement of activities.

8. Related parties

Among other circumstances, IAS 24 defines a *person* as a related party if that person is a member of the key management personnel of the reporting entity. It also defines an *entity* as a related party if the entity provides key management personnel services to the reporting entity. In turn, the concept of *key management personnel* is defined as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity.

As of this financial year, the FSB headcount excludes any seconded employees from the BIS graduate programme. For comparison purposes, the 2019 average headcount of 1.8 presented in the 2018-2019 financial statements has been adjusted to 0.6 non-BIS staff. Actual headcount as of 31 March 2019 has been adjusted from 31 to 30.

Based on the provisions in IAS 24, and considering that the Plenary is the FSB's sole decision-making body (according to Article 4 of the Articles of Association), the FSB considers the following to be its related parties:

- Institutions that are members of the FSB Plenary.
- The FSB Chair, as well as the Chair's close family members and institutions controlled by the Chair.

During the reporting period, no remuneration was paid by the FSB for the services provided by the Chair or by any of the FSB members, including their representatives in the Plenary. The FSB has not included any estimate of the value of services provided by the Chair.

The specific relationship between the FSB and the BIS, as well as the value of the BIS's direct services and the nature of the indirect services contributed are described in Note 2.2 and Note 6, respectively. The contributions by other members in the form of seconded staff are disclosed in Note 6.

Additionally, the FSB considers the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF, a Swiss based not-for-profit foundation that promotes the use of a global legal entity identifier, "LEI", in financial transactions) as a related party.

As its founder, the FSB had the right to appoint the initial Board and the Chair of the GLEIF. The terms of those initial Directors, including the Chair, expired in June 2019. The subsequent appointment and removal of Board members are subject to a nomination procedure coordinated by the Board's Chair, but the FSB holds the right to appoint or remove a Board member at any time.

While the FSB does not intend to exercise such rights in the normal course of business, their mere existence, together with the current composition of the GLEIF's Board, justify the consideration of the GLEIF as a related party.

9. Contingent liabilities

As an association under Swiss law, the FSB may be subject to legal claims, and the Agreement contemplates such possibility in limiting the liability of the BIS to "reasonable efforts to support the FSB in the event of a legal challenge arising from the normal course of its business".

As explained in Note 5.2, due to the nature of the organisation and its current setting under the Agreement, the FSB has no control over assets. Should it be subject to a legal claim, an eventual outflow of resources would therefore be unlikely.

In any case, there were no significant contingent liabilities at 31 March 2020.

2. Auditor's report

To the Plenary of the Financial Stability Board, Basel

Auditor's report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Financial Stability Board ("FSB"), which comprise the statement of activities for the year ending 31 March 2020 and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements (pages 2 to 7) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the association as at 31 March 2020 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and comply with Swiss law and the Articles of Association of the Financial Stability Board.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and Swiss Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements" section of our report.

We are independent of the association in accordance with the requirements of the Swiss audit profession and the IESBA Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information

The FSB Secretariat is responsible for the other information in the annual report. The other information comprises all information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements of the Financial Stability Board and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of FSB Secretariat for the financial statements

FSB Secretariat is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as FSB Secretariat determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the FSB Secretariat is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Plenary of the FSB either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The FSB Secretariat is responsible for overseeing the association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and Swiss Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs and Swiss Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design
 and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to
 provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for
 one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the
 override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate
 in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal
 control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by FSB Secretariat.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the FSB Secretariat's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and
 whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair
 presentation.

We communicate with the FSB Secretariat or its relevant committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

PricewaterhouseCoopers AG

Marcel Aeberhard

Audit expert

Andrin Bernet

Audit expert

Zürich, 19 August 2020

3. FSB governance

Mandate

The FSB was established in April 2009 by the Heads of State and Government of the G20, as the successor to the FSF. The FSB Charter governs its policy-related activities. It sets out the FSB's objectives, mandate and organisational structure. The G20 Heads of State and Government endorsed the FSB's original Charter at their Pittsburgh Summit in 2009. At the Los Cabos Summit in June 2012, the G20 Heads of State and Government endorsed the FSB's restated and amended Charter which reinforces certain elements of its mandate, including its role in standard-setting and in promoting members' implementation of international standards and agreed G20 and FSB commitments and policy recommendations.

The FSB coordinates at the international level the work of national financial authorities and international standard-setting bodies (SSBs) in order to develop and promote the implementation of effective regulatory, supervisory and other financial sector policies. In collaboration with the international financial institutions, the FSB addresses vulnerabilities affecting financial systems in the interest of global financial stability.

As part of its mandate, the FSB: (a) assesses vulnerabilities affecting the global financial system and identifies and reviews on a timely and ongoing basis within a macroprudential perspective, the regulatory, supervisory and related actions needed to address them, and their outcomes; (b) promotes coordination and information exchange among authorities responsible for financial stability; (c) monitors and advises on market developments and their implications for regulatory policy; (d) advises on and monitors best practice in meeting regulatory standards; (e) undertakes joint strategic reviews of and coordinates the policy development work of the international SSBs to ensure their work is timely, coordinated, focused on priorities and addressing gaps; (f) sets guidelines for and supports the establishment of supervisory colleges; (g) supports contingency planning for cross-border crisis management, particularly with respect to systemically important firms; (h) collaborates with the IMF to conduct Early Warning Exercises; (i) promotes member jurisdictions' implementation of agreed commitments, standards and policy recommendations through monitoring of implementation, peer review and disclosure; and (j) undertakes any other tasks agreed by its Members in the course of its activities and within the framework of its Charter.

The FSB promotes and helps coordinate the alignment of the activities of the SSBs to address any overlaps or gaps and clarify demarcations in light of changes in national and regional regulatory structures relating to prudential and systemic risk, market integrity and investor and consumer protection, infrastructure, as well as accounting and auditing.

The FSB, as needed to address regulatory gaps that pose risk to financial stability, develops or coordinates development of standards and principles, in collaboration with the SSBs and others, as warranted, in areas which do not fall within the functional domain of another international SSB, or on issues that have cross-sectoral implications.

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⁴ FSB, <u>Charter of the Financial Stability Board</u>, June 2012

Membership and role of the Plenary

The FSB's membership⁵ comprises authorities that are responsible for maintaining financial stability, such as ministries of finance, central banks, supervisory and regulatory authorities including market regulators; international financial institutions; and international standardsetting, regulatory, supervisory and central bank bodies. As a result the FSB Plenary members have regulatory and supervisory experience across all financial sectors.

The Plenary is the FSB's sole decision-making body. It decides by consensus without voting. The Plenary: adopts reports, principles, standards, recommendations and guidance developed by the FSB; establishes Standing Committees and working groups; decides on membership of the FSB, assigns seats to members in the Plenary, agrees the composition of the Committees; and approves the work programme and budget of the FSB.

The Plenary appoints the Chair amongst its members. It also appoints the Chairs of the Standing Committees, the Secretary General and the External Auditor of the FSB. Plenary meetings were held in April and November 2019. The FSB Steering Committee, which is chaired by the Chair of the FSB, provides operational guidance between the Plenary meetings to carry forward the directions of the Plenary. The Steering Committee met in April, July and October 2019 and in January and March 2020.

Standing Committees

The FSB has four Standing Committees⁶ which support the Plenary:

- The Standing Committee on Assessment of Vulnerabilities (SCAV) monitors and assesses vulnerabilities in the global financial system and proposes to the Plenary the actions needed to address them. As of 31 March 2020, the SCAV was chaired by Klaas Knot, President of the De Nederlandsche Bank.
- The Standing Committee on Supervisory and Regulatory Cooperation (SRC) addresses key financial stability risks related to the development of supervisory and regulatory policy and coordinates issues that arise among supervisors and regulators to ensure effective consideration of cross-sector implications. As of 31 March 2020, the SRC was chaired by Himino Ryozo, who at the time was Vice Minister for International Affairs, Japanese Financial Services Agency.
- The Standing Committee on Standards Implementation (SCSI) undertakes FSB peer reviews of its members (which FSB members have committed to undergo), encourages global adherence to international financial standards and reports on members' progress in implementing these standards and other agreed G20 and FSB commitments. As of 31 March 2020, the SCSI was chaired by Lesetja Kganyago, Governor, South African Reserve Bank.

See FSB, FSB Members

FSB, Organisational Structure and Governance

The Standing Committee on Budget and Resources (SCBR) assesses the resource needs of the FSB Secretariat and reviews the annual and medium-term budget of the FSB. As of 31 March 2020, the SCBR was chaired by Ignazio Visco, Governor of the Banca d'Italia.

Regional Consultative Groups (RCGs)

The six RCGs (for the Americas, Asia, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, and Sub-Saharan Africa) broaden the circle of countries engaged in the FSB's work to promote financial stability. The RCGs bring together financial authorities from FSB members and approximately 70 non-member jurisdictions to exchange views on vulnerabilities affecting financial systems and on initiatives to promote financial stability. Those groups also provide an institutional mechanism for: (i) discussing FSB initiatives underway and planned; (ii) promoting implementation of internationally agreed reforms; and (iii) enabling members of RCGs to share their views amongst themselves and with the FSB, both on FSB initiatives and on other measures that could be taken to promote financial stability. The RCGs held nine meetings during the period covered in this report.

In February the FSB and RCGs agreed a set of actions to encourage greater input from non-FSB member authorities into the FSB's work and to further strengthen the effectiveness of RCG meetings. These actions include: involving RCG members in the FSB's work at an early stage, for instance through their participation in FSB working groups, surveys and workshops; facilitating RCG Co-Chairs' ability to contribute to FSB Plenary discussions by providing perspectives on regional vulnerabilities, implementation of relevant supervisory and regulatory FSB policies and any impact of such reforms on their region; and further enhancing the focus in RCG meetings on matters of regional and cross-sectoral interest. In addition, the FSB agreed to continue to hold its Emerging Market and Developing Economies (EMDEs) Forum (which was last held in 2017) on an annual basis as part of FSB Plenary meetings. The EMDEs Forum focuses on issues of particular interest to emerging markets and developing economies and of common interest across RCGs. On a pilot basis, the FSB will also organise a conference to which all FSB and RCG members are invited, and for which FSB and RCG members would be asked to propose topics for the agenda.

Chair and Secretariat

The Chair of the FSB is the principal spokesperson for the FSB and represents the FSB externally. He convenes and chairs the meetings of the Plenary and of the Steering Committee and acts in accordance with the directions given by the Plenary.

The current Chair of the FSB is Randal K. Quarles (Vice Chairman, US Federal Reserve). Mr Quarles was appointed on 26 November 2018, together with the Vice Chair Klaas Knot, for a three-year term starting on 2 December 2018. The Plenary also agreed that after three years on 2 December 2021 Mr Knot will take over as Chair for the following three-year term. The Secretariat is directed by the Secretary General Dietrich Domanski.

The activities of the FSB, including its Committees, Regional Consultative Groups and working groups, are supported by the Basel-based Secretariat.

4. Transparency and accountability

Article 4 of the FSB Charter requires that "The FSB will discharge its accountability, beyond its members, through publication of reports and, in particular, through periodical reporting of progress in its work to the Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of the Group of Twenty, and to Heads of State and Governments of the Group of Twenty". During the year the FSB released 55 publications, including three public consultations and issued 53 press releases.

An important element of the FSB's transparency and accountability is the regular reports the Chair presents on the progress of the FSB's work to G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors, and to the G20 Heads of State and Government. The FSB Chair sent letters to the G20 describing priorities and progress in April, June, October 2019 and February 2020.

The FSB published its work programme for 2020¹¹ in December 2019. In response to the COVID pandemic the FSB announced a reprioritisation of its work programme.¹²

Consultation

During the year under review the FSB conducted three public consultations. It received 18 public responses to its consultations, which are posted on its website. ¹³ Consultation responses are considered carefully by the FSB and points raised in responses are taken into account in finalising the relevant policy documents.

Stakeholder engagement

FSB members undertake a wide range of public engagements in which they discuss the work of the FSB and the positions of their institutions. Members of the FSB Secretariat also take part in and speak regularly at a large number of public events. During the course of the year the Secretariat participated in more than 80 events. Participation in these events helps to provide an effective dialogue with the FSB's stakeholders. Remarks by the Chair¹⁴ and Secretary General¹⁵ at these events are generally posted on the FSB website.

Members of the FSB Secretariat also engaged bilaterally with a range of stakeholders including firms, trade associations, international organisations, non-governmental organisations and trade unions to discuss the work of the FSB. The FSB Secretariat also engages with legislatures when they request meetings.

FSB, FSB Chair's letter to G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors: April 2019, April 2019

FSB, FSB Chair's letter to G20 Leaders meeting in Osaka, June 2019

⁹ FSB, <u>FSB Chair's letter to G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors: October 2019</u>, October 2019

FSB, FSB Chair's letter to G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors: February 2020, February 2020

¹¹ FSB, <u>FSB work programme for 2020</u>, December 2019

https://www.fsb.org/work-of-the-fsb/addressing-financial-stability-risks-of-covid-19/

https://www.fsb.org/publications/past-consultation-responses/

https://www.fsb.org/profile/randal-k-quarles/

https://www.fsb.org/profile/dietrich-domanski/

Roundtables and workshops provide an effective way of engaging with external stakeholders. During the course of the year the FSB hosted 29 roundtables and workshops, in which the FSB's membership interacted with more than 350 industry participants and academics on a number of different issues. This includes stakeholders taking part in FSB working group meetings or workshops that have been organised especially for workstreams such as the FSB's evaluation work.

In total the FSB hosted 64 meetings during the period with 2,891 attendees. The meetings took place in 22 different jurisdictions reflecting the international nature of the FSB's membership and work (Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Netherlands, Philippines, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States). Following the outbreak of the COVID pandemic in early 2020 the FSB moved to hosting virtual meetings with members and stakeholders. Communication

While the FSB's audience is generally a specialist audience with deep knowledge of the issues on which the FSB works, the FSB seeks to ensure that its publications, which include reports and press releases and other website information, are accessible to all. During the year the FSB website had over 1.5 million unique views, up from 1.2 million in the previous year.

Traffic to the FSB website is driven to a large extent by an e-mail alert system¹⁶ that has been developed to alert users to new content on the FSB website. At the end of the period there were approximately 6,500 subscribers to the e-mail alert service, up from 6,300 in the previous year. The FSB also has a Twitter account (@FinStbBoard) and saw its followers increase throughout the year, from 6,400 to nearly 7,600. The FSB's LinkedIn following has increased from around 2,000 people to more than 5,200 during the same period.

As well as providing updates to the media via press releases the FSB holds press conferences and background media briefings to provide further details on aspects of the FSB's work. During the year the FSB held two media briefings in June 2019 plus one in January 2020. It also responded to a large number of media queries.

¹⁶ FSB, *E-mail alert*

Annex: Members of the Financial Stability Board

(as of 31 March 2020)¹⁷

Chair Randal K. Quarles

(Governor and Vice Chairman for Supervision, US Federal Reserve)

Vice Chair Klaas Knot

(President, De Nederlandsche Bank)

Argentina Diego Bastourre

Secretary of Finance Ministry of Finance

Miguel Ángel Pesce

Governor

Central Bank of Argentina

Australia Diane Brown

Acting Deputy Secretary, Markets Group

Department of the Treasury

Philip Lowe Governor

Reserve Bank of Australia

Brazil Erivaldo Alfredo Gomes

Secretary for International Economic Affairs

Ministry of Finance

Roberto de Oliveira Campos Neto

Governor

Banco Central do Brasil

Marcelo Barbosa

Chairperson

Securities and Exchange Commission of Brazil

Canada Rob Stewart

Associate Deputy Minister Department of Finance

Carolyn Wilkins

Senior Deputy Governor

Bank of Canada

¹⁷ The latest Plenary membership can be found on the <u>FSB website</u>.

Canada Jeremy Rudin

Superintendent

Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI)

China Zou Jiayi

Vice Minister

Ministry of Finance

Yi Gang

Governor

People's Bank of China

Guo Shuqing

Chairman

China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission

France Odile Renaud-Basso

Director General, Treasury and Economic Policy Directorate

Ministry of Economy and Finance

François Villeroy de Galhau

Governor

Banque de France

Robert Ophèle

Chairman

Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF)

Germany Jörg Kukies

State Secretary

Federal Ministry of Finance

Jens Weidmann

President

Deutsche Bundesbank

Felix Hufeld

President

Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht (BaFin)

Hong Kong Eddie Yue

Chief Executive

Hong Kong Monetary Authority

India Atanu Chakraborty

Secretary, Economic Affairs

Ministry of Finance

India N. S. Vishwanathan

Deputy Governor Reserve Bank of India

Ajay Tyagi

Chairman

Securities and Exchange Board of India

Indonesia Arif Baharudin

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