Press release

The Financial Stability Board (FSB) has published a report to G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting today in Paris. The report sets out the most recent progress in the implementation of the G20 recommendations for strengthening financial stability.

G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors recommitted at their meeting today to pursue the reform of the financial sector. As part of this, the G20:

- will implement fully the Basel III new standards for banks within the agreed timelines;
- calls for completion by the November 2011 G20 Summit of ongoing policy work on systemically important financial institutions as scheduled in the FSB work programme for 2011;
- will implement in an internationally consistent and non-discriminatory way the FSB’s recommendations on OTC derivatives and on reducing reliance on credit rating agencies’ ratings;
- urged all jurisdictions to fully implement the FSB principles and standards on sound compensation practices, and looks forward to ongoing monitoring, including the publication of the FSB’s second peer review in mid-2011;
- looks forward also to the preparation by the FSB by mid-2011 of recommendations on regulation and oversight of the shadow banking system.

In addition, the G20 will receive in October two reports to be written jointly by the FSB with other international institutions: one with the Bank for International Settlements and International Monetary Fund (IMF) on macroprudential frameworks; and the other with the IMF and World Bank on financial stability issues in emerging market and developing economies.

Moreover, the FSB and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development have been asked by the G20 to work with other relevant international organisations to develop common principles on consumer protection in the field of financial services by October.

The FSB will continue to monitor progress on consistent international implementation of financial reforms, including through its peer reviews, and regularly report to the G20.
To keep pace with growing demands, G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors asked the FSB to bring forward for the April 2011 G20 meeting proposals to strengthen the FSB’s governance, resources and outreach.

Notes to editors
The report is available on the FSB’s website, www.financialstabilityboard.org. The communiqué by G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors is available at www.g20.org.

The FSB has been established to coordinate at the international level the work of national financial authorities and international standard setting bodies and to develop and promote the implementation of effective regulatory, supervisory and other financial sector policies in the interest of financial stability. It brings together national authorities responsible for financial stability in 24 countries and jurisdictions, international financial institutions, sector-specific international groupings of regulators and supervisors, and committees of central bank experts.

The FSB is chaired by Mario Draghi, Governor of the Bank of Italy. Its Secretariat is located in Basel, Switzerland, and hosted by the Bank for International Settlements.

For further information on the FSB, visit the FSB website, www.financialstabilityboard.org.