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### **IOSCO to launch 2022 World Investor Week on 3-9 October 2022**

The International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) is preparing to launch its sixth annual World Investor Week (WIW) from 3 to 9 October 2022. Given the uneven evolution of the pandemic across the globe, jurisdictions this year can continue to choose any other week of October or November to promote financial and investor education, while adapting the format of their campaigns accordingly.

The IOSCO WIW is a week-long global campaign aimed at raising awareness of the importance of investor education and protection. IOSCO invites all its members to participate in the WIW campaign through other international and regional organizations, as well as local stakeholders with an interest in promoting investor education and investor protection can also participate in the event.

The key messages of the IOSCO WIW campaign in 2022 will be based on two themes: 1) investor resilience, and 2) sustainable finance. These messages complement those of previous IOSCO WIW editions, such as frauds and scams prevention, and crypto assets.

Ashley Alder, Chair of the IOSCO Board and the Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission, said, *“I welcome this sixth edition of the IOSCO World Investor Week. During the last two years we have seen a growing number of retail investors participating in securities markets, in the context of the global pandemic. Those investors are facing new challenges, such as inflationary pressures and the uncertainties deriving from geopolitical tensions. Financial education and investor protection play a critical role in enhancing investor resilience and investor confidence to participate in financial markets on a properly informed basis.”*

Pasquale Munafò, Chairman of the IOSCO Committee on Retail Investors, said, “*Retail investors are currently exposed to a rapidly evolving environment that creates new opportunities, but also increases some risks. Investor education is a way to increase awareness and enhance investors’ understanding of both opportunities and risks and make informed decisions.*”

Additional details and information on the IOSCO WIW campaign of 2022 and how to participate is available at the WIW website [www.worldinvestorweek.org](http://www.worldinvestorweek.org), which also provides details on the various participating authorities and international organizations currently supporting this global effort.

## **NOTES TO THE EDITORS**

### **About IOSCO**

1. IOSCO is the leading international policy forum for securities regulators and is recognized as the global standard setter for securities regulation. The organisation's membership regulates more than 95% of the world's securities markets in some 130 jurisdictions, and it continues to expand.

2. The IOSCO Board is the governing and standard-setting body of IOSCO and is made up of 34 securities regulators. Mr. Ashley Alder, the Chief Executive Officer of the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, is the Chair of the IOSCO Board. The members of the IOSCO Board are the securities regulatory authorities of Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Belgium, Brazil, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Ontario, Pakistan, Portugal, Quebec, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States of America (both the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission). The Chair of the European Securities and Markets Authority and the Chair of IOSCO’s Affiliate Members Consultative Committee are also observers.

3. The Growth and Emerging Markets (GEM) Committee is the largest committee within IOSCO, representing more than 75% per cent of the IOSCO membership, including ten of the G20 members. Dr Mohammed Omran, Executive Chairman of the Financial Regulatory Authority, Egypt is Chair of the GEM Committee. The committee brings members from growth and emerging markets together and communicates members’ views and facilitates their contribution across IOSCO and at other global regulatory discussions. The GEM Committee’s strategic priorities focus on risks and vulnerabilities assessments, policy and development work affecting emerging markets, and regulatory capacity building, among others.

4. IOSCO aims through its permanent structures:

- to cooperate in developing, implementing and promoting internationally recognized and consistent standards of regulation, oversight and enforcement to

protect investors, maintain fair, efficient and transparent markets, and seek to address systemic risks;

- to enhance investor protection and promote investor confidence in the integrity of securities markets, through strengthened information exchange and cooperation in enforcement against misconduct and in supervision of markets and market intermediaries; and
- to exchange information at both global and regional levels on their respective experiences to assist the development of markets, strengthen market infrastructure and implement appropriate regulation.

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