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**IOSCO’S INITIATIVES ON OTC DERIVATIVES AND FINANCIAL MARKET
INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES**

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abstract

IOSCO has been working along with other bodies to develop recommendations for OTC derivatives reforms to meet the G20 objectives of transparency, mitigating systemic risk and protection against market abuse. It has also been working on developing Principles for Financial Market Infrastructures (FMIs).

With regard to OTC derivatives, IOSCO (working with other bodies as appropriate) has published recommendations on: trading of OTC derivatives on exchanges and electronic platforms; data reporting and aggregation of OTC derivatives trades; and will be aiming to finalize the recommendations on mandatory clearing and exemptions at the Technical Committee meeting in Tokyo in February 2012. IOSCO also continues to work on issues relating to developing standards for the regulation of OTC Derivatives Market Intermediaries and on developing margin requirements for non-cleared OTC derivatives.

With regard to Financial Market Infrastructures, IOSCO has been working along with CPSS to finalize the Principles for FMIs, which term includes systemically important payment systems, central counterparties, central securities depositories, securities settlement systems and trade repositories. It is also aiming to finalize the Methodology for assessment against these Principles, and is working on issues relating to resolution; access and links; coordination between authorities; and access to Trade Repository data.

IOSCO participates actively in the OTC Derivatives Coordination Group and works in close collaboration with other standard setters and the FSB on these issues.