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PROGRAM ON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEMS
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IOSCO/PIFS-HLS Global Policy Development Seminar: COVID-19 Impact on Capital Markets and Effective Policy Responses

Tuesday 29 September, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. EDT

8:30 a.m.

WELCOME

- Hal S. Scott, Emeritus Professor, Harvard Law School; President, PIFS
- Paul P. Andrews, Secretary General, IOSCO

8:35 – 9:45 a.m.

MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION

Panelists:

- Heath P. Tarbert, Chairman and Chief Executive, Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- Barbara G. Novick, Vice Chair, BlackRock
- Jean-Claude Trichet, Former President, European Central Bank

Moderated by Hal S. Scott and Paul P. Andrews

Discussion Topics:

- What are the implications of the expanded role of central banks as lenders of last resort or market makers of last resort during the pandemic? Does the extent of intervention create moral hazard and compromise price discovery of markets?
- What have we learned so far from the crisis? Are there markets and functions that performed better or worse than expected (e.g. derivatives, commodities, ETFs, money market funds and rating agencies)? Have the post-global financial crisis reforms increased safety of one part of the system at the cost of the others? (For example, higher margins may have made CCPs safer, but does that create vulnerabilities in other parts of the system because of the liquidity demands of margin calls?)
- How are banks positioned after the first phase of the pandemic? Should they be encouraged to use their various capital buffers (e.g. conservation, countercyclical, GSIB surcharge and stress capital) during the recovery phase of the cycle? Can these buffers be deployed to support both lending and market making without putting the banks at unacceptable risk?

- Has the pandemic promulgated or accelerated changes in financial market infrastructure (e.g. work (and trade) from home, retail online trading and reliance on cloud) that create additional supervisory challenges, including for auditors?
- The pandemic is spurring a massive increase in global debt issuance, sovereign and private, including the first EU common bonds. What are the implications of this increased debt for economies and central banks?

9:45 – 10:30 a.m. ATTENDEE Q & A WITH PANELISTS

- Moderated by John Gulliver, Executive Director, PIFS

10:30 a.m. CLOSING REMARKS

- Hal S. Scott, Emeritus Professor, Harvard Law School; President, PIFS
- Paul P. Andrews, Secretary General, IOSCO