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IOSCO launches the World Investor Week – Sixth Edition (3-9 October 2022) to promote investor education

The *International Organization of Securities Commissions* (IOSCO) today launched the new edition of the World Investor Week (WIW), scheduled from 3 to 9 October 2022 (<u>Iosco press release</u>).

As in last year, participating countries will be allowed to choose any other week between October and November for the WIW, in order to better consider the effects of the pandemic in their own context.

WIW is a weekly-based worldwide campaign (https://www.worldinvestorweek.org) to raise awareness of the importance of investor education and protection and to highlight the different initiatives led by regulators in these two reference areas.

The key messages of the 2022 campaign are based on two underlying themes: (1) investor resilience and (2) sustainable finance. These messages are added to those of previous editions on fraud and scams and on crypto-assets.

WIW can still grow further in terms of participating countries, stakeholders and international organizations. In 2021, the campaign was characterized by the launch of numerous virtual initiatives, adapting and innovating formats and contents in consideration of the extraordinary circumstances of the period. Consob, as in previous editions, will participate - as an IOSCO member - in the organization and development of the campaign in Italy, in coordination with the Financial Education Month, the initiative promoted in October by the Edufin Committee.

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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