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Euronote Creditor Committee Reaches Agreement in Principle with Suriname on Debt Restructuring

LONDON, BOSTON and NEW YORK, May 3, 2023 –The Committee of holders of Suriname’s Euronotes (the Committee) is pleased to announce that it has reached an agreement-in-principle with the Government of Suriname (the Government) on a restructuring of the Euronotes due 2023 and 2026, respectively.

The proposed agreement on the restructuring of the Euronotes will effectively resolve Suriname’s debt default in a manner that provides significant cash flow and debt stock relief to support Suriname’s economic recovery in the context of the IMF-financed program. In particular, the Committee understands that the continued relief to be provided by Euronote holders will facilitate the Government’s capacity to safeguard social spending, which will be a factor in fostering inclusive, sustainable growth in Suriname. Over the period October 2020 to end-2026, Euronote holders will have provided over \$900 million of cash flow relief to Suriname, through the proposed exchange of the outstanding Euronotes into a new fixed income instrument with a lower interest rate.

The Committee notes the inclusion of the value recovery instrument (the VRI) in the proposed restructuring package, which will commence payments once the Government has attained ample payment capacity from prospective oil production. The VRI is structured with a view to ensure Suriname will benefit from a significant majority of anticipated oil production proceeds while enabling Euronote holders to receive adequate repayment of their claim in a timely manner. Accordingly, the conscious design of the whole proposed restructuring package is to recognize the continuing sources of private financing that Suriname needs to optimize its development objectives and to seek to align those sources with the inclusive growth prospects of the country.

The key elements of the agreement-in-principle are contained in the Government’s [press release](#). Implementation of the agreement-in-principle is conditional on mutual agreement on deal documentation and anticipated progress of the IMF program.

The Committee encourages all holders of the Euronotes to carefully consider the terms of the Government’s prospective offer in relation to the agreement-in-principle, and to make their own independent appraisal of the merits and risks of participation.

Members of the Committee include the following asset managers (acting either directly or on behalf of funds or other accounts they manage): Franklin Templeton Investment Management Limited; Eaton Vance Management; Grantham, Mayo, Van Otterloo & Co. LLC; Greylock Capital Management, LLC; T. Rowe Price.

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