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THE 6TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IFSWF

The domestic and international role of Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWFs) will be the focus of this year's annual meeting of the International Forum for Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSWF), to be held in Doha, Qatar.

The event, hosted by the Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) on 20 November 2014, will bring together about 200 participants, including Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWF) from 27 countries, international organizations, and representatives of countries where SWFs invest, academia and the private-sector.

His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani, Prime Minister of State of Qatar, will provide the inaugural address, and guests will be welcomed to the event by the host, His Excellency Ahmad M. Al-Sayed, Minister of State and CEO of QIA.

Mr. Bader M. Al Sa'ad, IFSWF Chair and Managing Director of Kuwait Investment Authority, said: *"We look forward to meeting with participants and IFSWF members, particularly those who have recently joined IFSWF and are attending their first meeting. This year our emphasis is on the domestic and international role of SWFs, and how the Santiago Principles assist SWFs in institutionalizing disciplined long-term investment strategies. We will also publish: "Santiago Principles: 15 Case Studies", in which our members discuss how they implement the Santiago Principles.*

We expect to further build on our strong working relationships with international institutions, including the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, Bank for International Settlements, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the European Commission and the Institute of International Finance.

Per normal practice, the IFSWF Board will hold a news conference at 16:30 on 20 November 2014, at the conference hotel. The IFSWF news release will be issued the same day.

Background information to editors:

IFSWF is a global network of sovereign wealth funds (SWFs) established in 2009 to exchange views on issues of common interest and to facilitate an understanding of SWF activities and of the Santiago Principles. The Santiago Principles is a framework of principles and practices voluntarily endorsed by IFSWF members. The emphasis is on appropriate governance and accountability arrangements and sound, prudent conduct of investment practices. The IFSWF is open to new members willing to endorse the Santiago Principles on an voluntary basis. For more information on IFSWF and the Santiago Principles, please go to www.ifswf.org.