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**Asia Pacific Infrastructure
 Partnership (APIP)**

The Advisory Group on APEC Financial System Capacity Building
 Fourth ABAC Meeting

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APIP Dialogue with Thailand (5 September 2016)

Key issues considered:

- The importance of infrastructure investment
- A presentation of a road map of Thailand's infrastructure
- A Future Fund is being established to support infrastructure investment
- The need for certainty and clarity in bidding and project approval

APIP recommendations:

- The identification of 5 or 6 projects that could be brought to market
- Greater focus on the sustainability of projects
- Sufficient foreign exchange cover should be available where foreign capital is involved
- The purpose and operating processes of the Future Fund should be clearly established to avoid conflict of interest



APIP Outreach Event, Sydney (14 September 2016)

Key issues considered:

- A discussion of infrastructure developments in Australia and the Asia Pacific region, noting government obstacles and inadequate regional coordination
- AIIB is forming a strategic rather than a country-by-country approach
- Specialist agencies like the GIH and IISS are providing a broader view of global infrastructure developments
- The Global Infrastructure Hub is developing a capability framework that will assist countries assess how well they are performing and to define needed reforms; it is also developing the Global Infrastructure Pipeline on projects that have global reach
- The rationale for APIP is subject to changing circumstances; growth of new advisory/data information groups with a broader international perspective
- APIP should be reviewed to assess these new circumstances

APIP recommendations:

- Note that a reassessment will be undertaken of APIP and recommendations on its purpose and future role will be presented to ABAC 1 in 2017

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Going Forward

- A paper will be developed by the APIP Secretariat, APIP Chair Mark Johnson AO and ABAC Australia member Robert Milliner for consideration at the first ABAC meeting in 2017 on the future role of APIP and its relevance in supporting the growth of infrastructure investments in the Asia Pacific region
- Dialogue with Vietnam (possibly late 2016 or early 2017) on current and prospective infrastructure projects and financing
- A follow-up dialogue with Thailand to provide further advice on the experiences of APIP panel members of good and bad projects
- Other dialogues to be organised taking into account ABAC deliberation on the reassessment of APIP, as noted above.

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