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**The ASEM Contingency Dialogue Mechanism for
Emergent Economic and Financial Events**

Terms of Reference

At the Sixth ASEM Finance Ministers' Meeting held in Tianjin, China on June 26, 2005, Ministers agreed to establish an ASEM Contingency Dialogue Mechanism for emergent economic and financial events. The objective of this mechanism is to strengthen the ASEM capacity to deal with those crises by providing an appropriate coordinating framework for reacting quickly and efficiently.

The meeting of the dialogue shall be called and chaired by the Deputy Finance Minister or a Senior Official of the host country of the ASEM Finance Ministers' Meeting when an economic and financial crisis situation calls for it. The ASEM FMM Core Group shall play a leading role in facilitating the meeting with coordinating the Asian and European members in their participation.

Participants in the dialogue meeting will consist of representatives from all ASEM members, whose active involvement should be encouraged. Relevant multilateral and bilateral institutions shall be invited to participate.

The dialogue meeting of the mechanism will encompass issues relevant to: (1) recommendation on domestic and international policy response to the emergent economic and financial events; (2) coordination of ASEM efforts including with other bilateral and multilateral agencies for dealing with economic and financial consequences of disasters, where appropriate. The dialogue mechanism should further enhance the ASEM cooperation to contain and minimize the negative impact of emergent events on the regional and global economy, and speedily restore economic and financial stability in the region.

The dialogue meeting of the mechanism shall be conducted under the framework of the ASEM Finance Ministers' Meeting. The result of the meeting shall be submitted to the ASEM Finance Ministers' Meeting and, through the latter, the ASEM Summit Meeting.
