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STATEMENT FROM THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE FISCAL AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF PUERTO RICO ON MEETINGS WITH CREDITORS' ADVISORS

San Juan, P.R. – Today, as directed by Governor García Padilla, members of the Working Group for the Fiscal and Economic Recovery of Puerto Rico and its restructuring advisors met with the advisors to the Island's creditors to present the Commonwealth's restructuring proposal. Over the course of the day, six meetings were held with advisors representing the holders of all of the major tax-supported credits, including local and mainland mutual funds, cooperatives, hedge funds and monoline insurers. The Working Group released the following statement after the meetings:

"We believe today's meetings were an important first step in what we hope will continue to be a mutually respectful negotiation process. We believe the proposal we presented is fair, balanced and reflective of the Commonwealth's actual capacity to pay our creditors over the long term, and we will be scheduling additional meetings to continue these discussions in the coming weeks. It is our hope that our creditors will work with us on a solution that will allow us to invest in Puerto Rico and grow our economy so that the Island's future is one that is built upon a fiscally stable foundation.

"Further, as Governor García Padilla stated yesterday, and we explained to our creditors today, reaching a resolution is in large part contingent upon a continuation of federal funding for Puerto Rico, particularly with respect to health care. And in the event a very high participation level is not achieved, an effective restructuring regime will be necessary."

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