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Minutes from the extraordinary meeting of the Financial Stability Council held on 24 March 2020

The Stability Council¹ has had an additional extraordinary conference call due to the novel corona virus and the developments on the financial markets.

The meeting begun with an update with regards to the negative effects on the development of the real economy and the financial markets that the spread of the corona virus has caused.

The authorities gave an account for their implemented and announced measures, and the measures' effects insofar they have had any. Measures taken by the Government and the authorities have had some stabilising effect on the markets. However, the Stability Council pointed out that there still have been large movements on the financial markets and that several markets do not function satisfactory, neither in Sweden nor globally, despite considerable crisis packages.

The corona pandemic will inevitably cause further negative effects on the economy, albeit it is too early to tell of what magnitude and how protracted the consequences will be. The Government and the authorities are now working actively to mitigate these effects. Moreover, it is important with close collaboration between the authorities concerned.

The Council discussed the need for further actions. In this state it is important to have unified policy responses from all the authorities

¹ Present: *Ministry of Finance*: Per Bolund, Chair, Ulf Holm, Max Elger, Anna Jegnell; *Finansinspektionen*: Erik Thedéen, Karin Lundberg, Henrik Braconier; *The National Debt Office*: Hans Lindblad, Karolina Holmberg, Mattias Persson; *The Riksbank*: Stefan Ingves, Cecilia Skingsley, Olof Sandstedt; and *Financial Stability Council Secretariat*: Niclas Alsén.

concerned. To lower the costs for companies and to ensure the banks' ability to lend are key factors. That demands, inter alia, that banks continue to be robust. How banks manage their dividend policies is a key question ahead.

The Stability Council discussed some of the measures that may be needed to support the real economy.

The Council is following the development carefully and the authorities and the Government stand ready to use the tools available in order to ensure stability on the financial markets.