

Two Largest Creditor Groups in Argentina Restructuring sign Terms of Agreement of Cooperation

"Associazione per la Tutela degli Investitori in Titoli Argentini ("TFA") and Argentine Bond Restructuring Agency plc ("ABRA") have signed the terms of an agreement of cooperation and established the International Group of Rome for Argentina Bondholders (I.G.o.R.) to determine the optimal strategy and coordinate their positions in the debt restructuring negotiations with the Government of Argentina. IGOR will be located in Rome at the headquarters of TFA.

TFA and ABRA believe the cooperation will promote the common goals of their participating bondholders in the debt restructuring of Argentina:

1. to maximize the recovery value of their participating bondholders;
2. to preserve the nominal capital value of their participating bondholders' original bonds with debt relief provided through extensions of maturity and reductions in interest rates; and
3. to ensure equal and fair treatment for their participating bondholders relative to any other creditor of Argentina.

A press conference will be held after the formal signing ceremony of the cooperation agreement and the first formal meeting of the International Group of Rome. The first formal meeting will take place in Rome during the first week of September in preparation for the beginning of the debt restructuring negotiations that Argentina has announced for the end of September.

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