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Bank of England welcomes agreement of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Renminbi (RMB) clearing and settlement in London

The Bank of England is very pleased to announce that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the People's Bank of China (PBoC) and the Bank regarding renminbi (RMB) clearing and settlement arrangements in London has been signed.

This agreement will facilitate the use of renminbi by banks and other firms in international transactions, supporting global trade and investment.

Through this MoU, the Bank and the PBoC commit to cooperate over relevant supervisory arrangements and share relevant information as necessary. A clearing bank will be designated in London in due course.

Jon Cunliffe, Deputy Governor for Financial Stability, said:

"The move towards greater internationalisation of the RMB by the Chinese authorities is one of great importance that the Bank strongly supports. London is at the heart of the global financial system and is a major centre for RMB business. It is therefore entirely appropriate that London should play a role in the further internationalisation of the RMB through the opening of a RMB clearing bank in London. The Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Bank of England and the People's Bank of China today represents a key milestone on that journey."

Notes to Editors

1. The MoU was signed on 31 March 2014 in London by Sir Jon Cunliffe, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, and Madame Hu Xiaolian (胡晓炼), Deputy Governor of the People's Bank of China.