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To All participants in Government Securities market

Madam/Sir,

## 'Fully Accessible Route' for Investment by Non-residents in Government Securities – Inclusion of Sovereign Green Bonds

A reference is invited to the Press Release on <u>'Issuance Calendar for Marketable Dated</u> <u>Securities for October 2023 - March 2024' dated September 26, 2023</u>, issued by the Reserve Bank, notifying, *inter alia*, the issuance calendar for Sovereign Green Bonds for the fiscal year 2023-24. Attention is also invited to the Fully Accessible Route (FAR) introduced by the Reserve Bank, *vide* <u>A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 25 dated March 30, 2020</u>, wherein certain specified categories of Central Government securities were opened fully for non-resident investors without any restrictions, apart from being available to domestic investors as well.

2. The Government Securities that are eligible for investment under the FAR ('specified securities') were notified by the Bank, *vide* circular no. <u>FMRD.FMSD.No.25/14.01.006/2019-20 dated March 30, 2020, circular no. FMRD.FMID.No.04/14.01.006/2022-23 dated July 07, 2022 and circular no. <u>FMRD.FMID.No. 07/14.01.006/2022-23 dated January 23, 2023.</u></u>

3. It has now been decided to also designate all Sovereign Green Bonds issued by the Government in the fiscal year 2023-24 as 'specified securities' under the FAR.

4. The Directions contained in this circular have been issued under Section 45W of Chapter IIID of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 and are without prejudice to permissions/ approvals, if any, required under any other law.

5. These Directions shall be applicable with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully,

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