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**EMTA SURVEY:
EMERGING MARKETS CDS TRADES
AT US\$364 BILLION IN SECOND QUARTER**

Volumes Down 22% vs. Second Quarter 2018

NEW YORK, August 14, 2019 — Emerging Markets CDS trading stood at US\$364 billion in the second quarter of 2019, according to a Survey of 12 major dealers released today by EMTA, the EM debt trading and investment industry trade association. This was 22% below the US\$468 billion reported in the second quarter of 2018, and a 28% decline from the US\$505 billion in reported transactions in the first quarter.

Renato Chaladovsky, Head of Latin America Global Spread Products at Citi, attributed the volume decline to the relatively calmer markets in the second quarter of 2019. “Given the volatility in December 2018, there was strong rebalancing interest in the first quarter of 2019; and second quarter 2018 was an abnormally busy quarter given the macro volatility at the time. In comparison, apart from US/China tensions, the second quarter this year was characterized by lower volatility, and thus lower CDS volumes.”

The largest CDS volumes in the Survey during the quarter were those on Turkey and Brazil, at US\$34 billion each. EMTA Survey participants also reported US\$33 billion in Chinese volumes.

The EMTA Survey also included volumes on nine corporate CDS contracts, with the highest reported quarterly volume on Pemex (at approximately US\$2.1 billion).

For a copy of EMTA’s Second Quarter 2019 CDS Trading Volume Survey, please contact Jonathan Murno at jmurno@emta.org.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

Founded in 1990, EMTA (formerly the Emerging Markets Traders Association) is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to promoting the orderly development of fair, efficient and transparent trading markets for Emerging Markets instruments, and the integration of the Emerging Markets into the global financial marketplace.

EMTA, with over 180 member firms worldwide, has published its Annual Volume Surveys of Debt Trading since 1992. EMTA began publishing CDS volumes in 2009.

For its Survey, EMTA collected data from 12 major international banks and broker-dealers on Emerging Market CDS contracts. Participants were asked to report their CDS volumes on 21 Emerging Markets countries and 9 EM corporate issuers. The Survey is based on notional value of CDS trades and includes rollovers, but not netting trades or internal transfers.