Meeting Summary Report

The Climate and Resiliency (EX) Task Force met March 24, 2023. During this meeting, the Task Force:

1. Adopted its 2022 Fall National Meeting Minutes.

2. Heard a presentation from Public Safety Canada (PSC) on Canadian flood risk and proposed insurance solutions. The Task Force on Flood Insurance and Relocation explored viable solutions for insurance in high-risk areas and the consideration for the potential relocation of homes most at risk of repeat flooding. The summarization of its findings and the analysis of possible insurance solutions in Canada are found in the Task Force’s paper “Adapting to Rising Flood Risk: An Analysis of Insurance Solutions for Canada.” The paper identifies four flood insurance market obstacles, including uncertainty, market penetration, affordability, and moral hazard, and it identifies recommendations to combat those obstacles.

3. Heard a presentation from the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators (CCIR) on consumer protection gaps and property-specific risk related to flood risk in Canada. The presentation highlighted recommendations that will be found in the March 2023 report, including identifying best practices for assessing and communicating natural catastrophe risk, training, and education for those selling flood insurance; innovation in products and incentives for consumer mitigation practices; and ensuring that consumers understand the insurance product they are being offered.

4. Heard an international update. The International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) held public consultations on an approach to address climate risk, and it continues work on scenario analysis and climate risk data. The Sustainable Insurance Forum (SIF) is addressing access and affordability issues.

5. Heard a federal update. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) expires on Sept. 30. The U.S. Congress (Congress) held a hearing on encouraging greater flood insurance coverage in America. The U.S. Securities Exchange Commission’s (SEC’s) climate risk disclosure rule is expected to be finalized in the next few months. The executive branch’s budget proposal contains funding for investment in clean energy and community resilience to natural disasters. The NAIC continues to support the Disaster Mitigation and Tax Parity Act.

6. Heard an update from the Catastrophe Modeling Center of Excellence (COE). The COE is developing catastrophe model training; developing tools, such as the compendium of regulatory interaction and requirements regarding catastrophe models; and continuing to engage insurance departments, catastrophe modelers, and organizations focused on resilience initiatives.