Advanced and Emerging Markets: Sovereign and Corporate Bond Spreads, 2000–08

(In basis points)

Box 1.1.1

Sources: Bloomberg Financial Markets; Datastream; JP Morgan; Moody’s KMV; Thomson Reuters; and IMF staff calculations.

1The corporate bond spreads are derived as the difference between the asset swap spread and the commensurate London interbank offered rate. The sovereign bond spread series for advanced markets is a composite of the five-year U.S. Treasury rate over the effective federal funds rate and the five-year German Bund over the EONIA rate (i.e., the effective European Central Bank policy rate).