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AIG BEGINS EXCHANGING EQUITY UNITS

NEW YORK, October 8, 2010 — American International Group, Inc. (AIG) today commenced an offer to exchange up to 74,480,000 of its Equity Units consisting of Corporate Units for consideration per Corporate Unit equal to 0.09867 shares of its common stock plus \$3.2702 in cash.

The consideration offered per Corporate Unit is the same number of shares and the same cumulative amount of cash per Corporate Unit that a holder would receive if the holder did not tender into the exchange offer and instead held Corporate Units through their final stock purchase date. The stock and cash so received will be the result of netting payments from two separate transactions — a repurchase of the debentures and a cancellation of the stock purchase contracts underlying the Corporate Units.

The 74,480,000 Corporate Units AIG seeks to acquire represent approximately 95% of the outstanding Corporate Units, and Corporate Units accepted in the exchange offer will be prorated as necessary to remain within this limit.

The exchange offer will expire at 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on November 10, 2010, unless extended or earlier terminated by AIG. Tendered Corporate Units may be withdrawn at any time prior to the expiration date and after the expiration of 40 business days following today's commencement of the exchange offer, if we have not accepted them for exchange.

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The terms and conditions of the exchange offer are described in the preliminary prospectus dated October 8, 2010 and related letter of transmittal relating to the exchange offer. The completion of the exchange offer is subject to the conditions described in the exchange offer documents, which include, among others, the effectiveness of the registration statement relating to the exchange offer and continued listing on the New York Stock Exchange of the Corporate Units that remain outstanding after the exchange offer. The exchange offer is not conditioned upon any minimum amount of Corporate Units being tendered.

Subject to applicable law, AIG may waive certain other conditions applicable to the exchange offer or extend, terminate or otherwise amend the exchange offer in its sole discretion.

A registration statement relating to the common stock to be issued in the exchange offer has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission but has not yet become effective. The common stock being offered in the exchange offer may not be sold nor may offers to exchange be accepted prior to the time that the registration statement related to the exchange offer becomes effective. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or exchange or the solicitation of an offer to buy or exchange nor shall there be any sale or exchange of the common stock in any state or other jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation, sale, exchange or purchase would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or other jurisdiction.

BofA Merrill Lynch, Citi and Deutsche Bank Securities are acting as dealer managers for the exchange offer. Global Bondholder Services Corporation is acting as information and exchange agent for the exchange offer. Information concerning the terms of the exchange offer may be obtained by contacting BofA Merrill Lynch at 888-292-0070 (toll-free) or 980-683-3215 (collect) or Citi at 800-558-3745 (toll-free) or 212-723-6106 (collect). Copies of the registration statement, exchange offer prospectus, letter of transmittal and other materials related to the exchange offer, may be obtained at no charge from the information and exchange agent at 212- 430-3774 (collect) or 866-873-7700 (toll-free) or from the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site at www.sec.gov. Information on the procedures for tendering in the exchange offer may be obtained by contacting the information and exchange agent at the telephone number provided above. The materials related to the exchange offer contain important information that should be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to the exchange offer.

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Certain statements in this press release, including those describing the completion of the exchange offer, constitute forward-looking statements. These statements are not historical facts but instead represent only AIG's belief regarding future events, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and outside AIG's control. It is possible that actual results will differ, possibly materially, from the anticipated results indicated in these statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ, possibly materially, from those in the forward-looking statements are discussed throughout Part I, Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and in Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors of AIG's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period

ended June 30, 2010 and of AIG's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010, throughout Part II, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors of AIG's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (including Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A filed on March 31, 2010 and Amendment No. 2 on Form 10-K/A filed on August 24, 2010), and in the "Risk Factors" section of the preliminary prospectus relating to the exchange offer.

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American International Group, Inc. (AIG) is a leading international insurance organization with operations in more than 130 countries and jurisdictions. AIG companies serve commercial, institutional and individual customers through one of the most extensive worldwide property-casualty networks of any insurer. In addition, AIG companies are leading providers of life insurance and retirement services around the world. AIG common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, as well as the stock exchanges in Ireland and Tokyo.

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