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Dear Mr Tiedje

TOWARDS AN EU REGIME ON TRANSPARENCY OBLIGATIONS FOR ISSUERS WHOSE SECURITIES ARE ADMITED TO TRADING ON A REGULATED MARKET – SECOND CONSULTATION

The International Primary Market Association (IPMA) is the association which represents the banks and financial institutions of the world in the primary international market in their capacity as arrangers and underwriters of debt and equity securities of private issuers and of debt of public issuers. A list of IPMA's members is attached as Schedule 1.

We welcome the opportunity to respond to this consultation paper and refer to our paper submitted in answer to the first consultation.

We recognise and applaud the changes in approach since the first consultation. Nevertheless, we believe further changes are necessary to achieve the objectives of the Financial Services Action Plan. Some of these changes relate particularly to the treatment of non-EU issuers, who constitute two thirds of the international debt securities market. Others are necessary for consistency within the FSAP. In addition, there are a number of practical and structural questions specific to the international securities market that will need to be addressed before the proposal can be effectively implemented.

We would appreciate the chance to meet the Commission in order to improve our understanding of the proposal and to make further suggestions for its constructive development.

Yours sincerely

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