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REF:Response to the Consultation Paper “The role of CESR in the regulation and supervision of UCITS and Asset Management Activities in the EU”

Dear Mr. F.Demarigny,

We site below Athens Exchange response.

Question (1): Do market participants share the views of CESR on the need for its future involvement in the areas of UCITS and asset management?

Answer: Yes, the Athens Exchange shares such views.

Question (2): Do market participants agree with the proposed role of CESR in facilitating convergence of the regulation and supervision of the “buy side”?

Answer: Yes, the Athens Exchange agrees with such a role of CESR.

Question (3): Do market participants agree with the list of general points and the definition of priorities and possible input by CESR as set out above ?

Answer: Yes, we agree.

Question (4): Are there any areas on which CESR should concentrate ?

Answer: The areas under C (areas not harmonized at EU level)

Question (5): *Which areas of work do you consider to be a priority ?*

Answer: The areas under B (areas where input to ensure the harmonized implementation of the UCITS Directive, especially as to issues regarding the Exchange Traded Funds).

Question (6): *Do market participants agree with this approach?*

Answer: Yes, we agree.

Question (7):*Do market participants agree with the approach to consultation ?*

Answer: Yes, we agree.

Question (8): *Do market participants agree to create a specific Consultative Working Group in order to reflect the specificity of the “buy side”*

Answer: Yes, we agree.

Question (9): *Do market participants see other areas of expertise that the Consultative Working Group should benefit from ?*

Answer: No

Sincerely yours,

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