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Mr. Eddy Wymeersch Chairman of CESR The Committee of European Security Regulators 11-13 avenue de Friedland 75008 Paris FRANKREICH

## CESR Fact Finding Exercise of the Use in the European Union of Ratings issued by third Countries CRAs

Dear Mr. Wymeersch,

BVI<sup>1</sup> is grateful for the opportunity to react on CESR's fact finding exercise of the use in the European Union of ratings issued by third countries CRAs. We would like to inform you that BVI members generally use ratings only from the three biggest credit rating agencies worldwide: Standard&Poors, Moody's and Fitch. Other third country CRAs are of no relevance for German fund and asset managers. Therefore, we are not in a position to contribute any detailed information on the topics under consultation.

We remain, however, available at your disposal for any further information you might need.

Yours sincerely

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