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from: Mr Mario DRAGHI, President of the European Central Bank
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Subject: Recommendation of the European Central Bank of 19 April 2013
to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of the European Central Bank (ECB/2013/9)

Delegations will find attached the Recommendation of the European Central Bank ECB/2013/9.

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

of 19 April 2013

to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of the European Central Bank

(ECB/2013/9)

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK,

Having regard to the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank, and in particular Article 27.1 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The accounts of the European Central Bank (ECB) and national central banks of the Member States whose currency is the euro are audited by independent external auditors recommended by the ECB's Governing Council and approved by the Council of the European Union.
- (2) The mandate of the ECB's current external auditors ended following the audit for the financial year 2012. It is therefore necessary to appoint external auditors from the financial year 2013.
- (3) The ECB has selected Ernst & Young GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft as its external auditors for the financial years 2013 to 2017,

HAS ADOPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Ernst & Young GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft should be appointed as the external auditors of the ECB for the financial years 2013 to 2017.

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 19 April 2013.

The President of the ECB

Mario DRAGHI