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Dear colleagues,

The EFMLG's future activities and composition (item 3 on the agenda of the meeting on 3 June 2003)

The EFMLG has now been in existence for four years and this seems to be a good moment to reflect on the EFMLG's future activities and composition in the light of experience gained.

When looking at the EFMLG's achievements and topics discussed (see Annex 1), a mixed picture emerges. Some topics have been very successful, others disappeared from our screen. Annex 1 lists, for your convenience, topics in a sequence of successful impact whilst it also lists future projects which are at present under the EFMLG's consideration.

When looking at the professional background of the EFMLG's members (see Annex 2) an equally mixed picture arises. Some of the EFMLG's members seem to have a more regulatory oriented background and others a more market geared interest.

Whilst it is useful to have the above mix of topics and professional backgrounds addressed and represented in the EFMLG, we intend to devote this part of next week's meeting to the following two questions:



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1. What kind of topics should normally appear on the EFMLG's future agendas and could the EFMLG's members provide us with their "wish list"? In the ECB's view, market oriented topics - particularly in the area of market integration - should feature dominantly on the EFMLG's agenda taking into account that the EFMLG is after all, as indicated in its name, a financial markets oriented group.
2. In view of the thus established orientation for the EFMLG's activities, is the present composition of the EFMLG the right one? If the answer would be: "not for each topic equally", we could, of course, think about differentiation dependent on the topic. For example, the EFMLG could meet twice a year to establish a work programme giving general direction to its activities and have specific topics further elaborated by Task Forces consisting of expert EFMLG members and/or expert colleagues from their respective banks (a structure which we have already applied on several ad-hoc occasions).

We would be grateful if you could consider the above questions and provide us with your input at next week's EFMLG meeting.

With kind regards,

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In the absence of Mr. A. Sáinz de Vicuña
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