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**Subject: Endorsement advice on Amendments to IFRS 3 Business Combinations:
*Definition of a Business***

Dear Mr Gauzès,

Following the publication by the International Accounting Standard Board of narrow scope amendments to IFRS 3 Business Combinations ("*Definition of a Business*") on 22 October 2018, the European Commission would like to request EFRAG to deliver its opinion on the amendments.

The opinion of the EFRAG should be based upon the following conditions, against which endorsement is assessed in the Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of International Accounting Standards, i.e. that the standard:

- is not contrary to the principle set out in Articles 4(3) of Directive 2013/34/EU and is conducive to the European public good, and
- meets the criteria of understandability, relevance, reliability and comparability required of financial information needed for making economic decisions and assessing the stewardship of management.

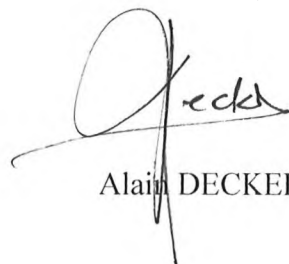
EFRAG should support its advice by an impact analysis, including a cost-benefit analysis and an analysis of broader economic impacts.

I would be grateful if the EFRAG would provide its opinion as soon as possible following receipt of this letter.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr Alexandre Dubois (Telephone: +32 2 29 96 809).

Yours sincerely,



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