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Dear Ms. Flores,

Re: FEE Comments on EFRAG's assessments for endorsement of IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement*

- (1) FEE (the Federation of European Accountants) appreciates the invitation to comment on EFRAG's assessments for endorsement of IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement* ("IFRS 13").
- (2) We support EFRAG providing a positive endorsement advice and we broadly agree with the assessments formulated by EFRAG.

EFRAG's technical assessment of IFRS 13 against the endorsement criteria

- (3) In our letter to the IASB dated 21 October 2009, we broadly supported EFRAG's final letter to the IASB on the Exposure Draft *Fair Value Measurement*.
- (4) In May 2011, the IASB published IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement. IFRS 13 is a result of a joint project conducted by the IASB together with the FASB. IFRS 13 sets out a single IFRS framework for measuring fair value and provides comprehensive guidance on how to measure the fair value of both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. We support EFRAG's assessments of IFRS 13 against the endorsement criteria, recommending adoption.

EFRAG's evaluation of the costs and benefits of IFRS 13

(5) We broadly agree with the evaluation of the costs and benefits of IFRS 13 as provided by EFRAG but have ourselves not carried out a detailed examination.



Assessment Process

- (6) We believe that, in the current financial reporting environment, Europe needs to make every effort to prevent the creation of new deviations from IFRS. Furthermore, it needs to avoid to the extent possible any timing differences caused by delays in the endorsement mechanisms.
- (7) An enhanced due process for the IASB and IFRIC, improved governance of the IASB and timely and high quality European influence early in the standard setting process should result in international standards and interpretations that are acceptable for Europe. This European influence is expected to be exercised at, or before, exposure draft stage. EFRAG was created for that purpose and has the full support of FEE. As a due process is in place, if appropriate input is provided and considered at both IASB and EFRAG levels, it can be expected that the resulting standards should be suitable for positive endorsement.

Endorsement

(8) FEE supports the endorsement of IFRS 13.

We would be pleased to discuss any aspect of this letter you may wish to raise with us.

For further information on this letter, please contact Sylwia Kujawa, Project Manager from the FEE Secretariat on +32 2 285 40 86 or via email at sylwia.kujawa@fee.be.

Yours sincerely,

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