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Reminding Management and Auditors of Key Issues during fragile Recovery from the Crisis

**FEE raises key issues on financial reporting and auditing relevant for
the 2009 reporting season**

Brussels, 8 January 2010 – FEE (Federation of European Accountants) reminds auditors and accountants in business of a number of key issues in the area of financial reporting and auditing, covering questions of ongoing relevance; the Policy Statement on the Financial Crisis VI also addresses emerging accounting and auditing issues in a period where first signs of economic recovery are being tempered by a general understanding that there may still be a long way to go.

Meaningful disclosures on risk exposures, on the way these risks are managed by an entity's management and on the key judgements and estimates made by management in preparing their financial statements will remain essential. Entities' management need to ensure that they properly and fairly evaluate and estimate the value of the different elements in their entities' financial statements and prepare thoroughly for their assessment of the entity's ability to continue as a going concern and make appropriate disclosures. Without aiming at being comprehensive the policy statement raises the attention to the following issues that FEE believes require particular consideration in the 2009 year-end financial statements and related audit: going concern; fraud; financial instruments and impairment.

Hans van Damme, FEE President, emphasised that "Management and auditors need to be attentive in the current market circumstances to a number of issues that are particularly relevant for the 2009 reporting season. A key area of focus is the evaluation of uncertainty associated with the entity's going concern assumption. In addition, impairment of goodwill and other intangibles and financial instruments measurement and recognition require careful consideration."

Olivier Boutellis-Taft, FEE CEO, underlined: "The crisis has highlighted the importance of ethical behaviour and integrity. The accountancy profession will continue promoting integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour amongst all of its members, whether they are in audit practice or in business."

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. The policy statement can be downloaded from the FEE website:
http://www.fee.be/publications/default.asp?library_ref=4&content_ref=1196

2. Policy statements issued on the crisis:

I. Reflecting on the Crisis

II Matters of Specific Relevance for Statutory Auditors during the Financial Crisis

III Call for Action for European SMEs

IV Dynamic Provisioning for Financial Instruments

V Shaping a Sustainable Economy

These policy statements can be downloaded from the FEE website:

http://www.fee.be/publications/default.asp?library_ref=4&category_ref=235&private=False

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