**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case M.10688 – AXA / ATALANTE)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2022/C 172/04)

1. On 20 April 2022, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— AXA SA ('AXA', France) via its subsidiaries AXA France IARD SA ('AXA France IARD', France) and AXA IM SA ('AXA IM', France), and

— Atalante SAS ('Atalante', France).

AXA, via its subsidiaries AXA France IARD and AXA IM, acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Atalante. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— AXA is a global insurance group that provides life insurance, health insurance and other types of insurance, as well as asset management services.

— Atalante mainly provides collective and individual portfolio management services, and financial instrument management services for third parties.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([2]), it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission no later than ten days following the date on which this notification is published. The following reference should always be specified:

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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.