EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

of 26 October 2005

to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland

(ECB/2005/10)

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THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK,

Having regard to the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank, and in particular Article 27.1 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The accounts of the European Central Bank (ECB) and of the national central banks of the Eurosystem are audited by independent external auditors recommended by the Governing Council of the ECB and approved by the Council of the European Union.

(2) The mandate of the current external auditors of the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland has expired and will not be renewed. It is therefore necessary to appoint external auditors from the financial year 2005.

(3) The Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland has selected Deloitte & Touche as its external auditors starting from the financial year 2005, and the ECB considers that they fulfil the necessary requirements for appointment.

(4) The mandate of the external auditors will be for three years and may be extended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Deloitte & Touche should be appointed as the external auditors of the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland from the financial year 2005 for a duration of three years, with the possibility of extension.

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 26 October 2005.

The President of the ECB

Jean-Claude TRICHET