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(Resolutions, recommendations and opinions)

RECOMMENDATIONS

EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

of 16 February 2009

to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of the Deutsche Bundesbank

(ECB/2009/3)

(2009/C 43/01)

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 national central banks are audited by independent external auditors recommended by the ECB's Governing Council and approved by the Council of the European Union.

(2) The mandate of the Deutsche Bundesbank's current external auditors will end after the audit for the financial year 2008. It is therefore necessary to appoint external auditors from the financial year 2009.

(3) The Deutsche Bundesbank has selected Ernst & Young AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft Steuerberatungsgesellschaft as its external auditors for the financial years 2009 to 2014,

HAS ADOPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Ernst & Young AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft Steuerberatungsgesellschaft should be appointed as the external auditor of the Deutsche Bundesbank for the financial years 2009 to 2014.

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 16 February 2009.

The President of the ECB

Jean-Claude TRICHET