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ECB Opinion on the draft Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Bill 2009 (CON/2009/15)

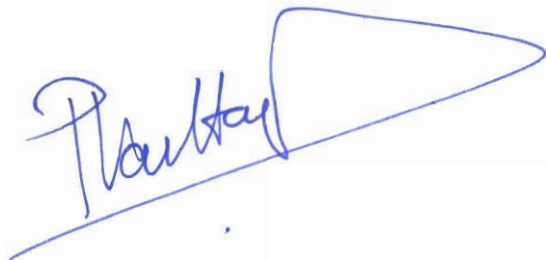
Dear Minister,

In the light of the ongoing legislative procedure regarding the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Bill 2009, I should like to inform you that the Governing Council of the ECB has decided to communicate an own-initiative opinion on this draft legislation.

Please find enclosed an electronically signed version of the ECB Opinion, which was adopted on 24 February 2009. The President's transmission letter with a copy of the signed Opinion will be couriered to you later today.

Please note that the text of this Opinion will be published on the ECB's website.

Yours sincerely,



cc. Mr John Hurley, Governor of the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland

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