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ECB Opinion on the restructuring of the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland (CON/2010/30)

Dear Minister,

Following your consultation request received by the ECB on 22 February 2010, I have pleasure in enclosing the Opinion of the ECB of 7 April 2010 on the on draft heads of a proposed draft law entitled 'the Central Bank of Ireland Bill 2010'.

I should be grateful if, following completion of the decision making-process, you would kindly send me a copy of the final text.

The ECB has agreed to your request to delay the publication of its Opinion till 12 April 2010.

Yours sincerely,