

CITY MEETS COMMISSION AND MEMBER STATES

LIBA¹ and IPMA¹ today welcomed the opportunity to meet directly with the European Commission and Member States, to highlight the deep concerns of the European capital markets industry about the draft Directive on taxation of savings. This discussion allowed the associations to reiterate in detail the defects of the draft Directive.

The draft Directive represents a very grave risk to the very location of the international bond market within the EU.

The industry representatives made clear that, short of completely scrapping this ill-conceived and fundamentally flawed Directive, the only approaches which the industry is prepared to accept are those put forward by the UK Government in its Paper on 'International Bonds'.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. The London Investment Banking Association (LIBA) and the International Primary Markets Association (IPMA) are the main industry Representative bodies. They have held on-going discussions with the UK Government on the draft Directive. They met representatives of the European Commission late last year to assist the Commission in providing a report to the Council on the views of market operators. As part of this, they have submitted detailed written evidence to the Commission in both 1998 and 1999.

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