Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Consultation Paper on Draft Regulatory Technical Standards ('RTS') on “the conditions for assessing the materiality of extensions and changes of internal approaches when calculating own funds requirements for credit, market and operational risk under articles 138(5), 301(3)(a) and 352(3)(a) of Regulation (EU) XX/XXXX of the European Parliament and of the Council on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms [CRR]” (EBA/CP/2013/02)

This letter contains the response of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (“ISDA”) and the Association for Financial Markets in Europe (“AFME”) to the European Banking Authority’s (“EBA”) Consultation Paper on Draft RTS on “the conditions for assessing the materiality of extensions and changes of internal approaches when calculating own funds requirements for credit, market and operational risk under articles 138(5), 301(3)(a) and 352(3)(a) of Regulation (EU) XX/XXXX of the European Parliament and of the Council on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms [CRR]” of March 2013. This response is the result of a thorough three month process involving a wide range of industry representatives. It is reflective of the industry consensus on this topic and aims at being as constructive as possible in seeking a proportionate outcome. This letter is accompanied by a submission and an edited and commented version of the RTS emphasizing articles for which the industry thinks changes are needed.

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We look forward to working with the EBA to continue developing an approach that will ensure consistent assessment of materiality of extensions and changes to internal approaches across the industry.

Yours faithfully,

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