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President of the German Bundestag
Dr Wolfgang Schäuble MdB
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Frankfurt am Main, 26 April 2019

Re: Your letter of 13 March 2019

Honourable President, dear Dr Schäuble,

Thank you for your letter, in which you submit a number of questions on the ongoing restructuring process of a credit institution under ECB supervision from Mr Schäffler, Member of the German Parliament, in line with the right of national parliaments to put questions to ECB Banking Supervision.¹

Please note that any reporting of bank-specific information is subject to the relevant professional secrecy requirements outlined in the Capital Requirements Directive (CRD IV).² I therefore cannot comment on individual credit institutions and their business decisions, as I noted in my recent letter to MEP Zanni on the subject.³ Neither can I comment on ongoing communication and possible meetings with bank representatives and other parties. Nevertheless, allow me to provide some additional considerations in response to Mr Schäffler's questions.

Regarding stress test results, I kindly refer Mr Schäffler to the outcome of the 2018 EU-wide stress test exercise, as published by the European Banking Authority (EBA).⁴ ECB Banking Supervision has incorporated the findings of the stress test into the supervisory dialogue and is also using the stress test results as input when determining the supervisory capital demand in the context of the Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process (SREP). However, owing to the professional secrecy requirements mentioned above, I cannot disclose any concrete findings beyond what the EBA has already published.

Furthermore, I should like to point out that ECB Banking Supervision has not been assigned any task or decision-making powers in relation to the monitoring of measures that may or may not constitute State aid. In fact, assessments and decisions related to State aid are made by the European Commission

¹ In line with Article 21(2) of Council Regulation (EU) No 1024/2013

² Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013

³ https://www.bankingsupervision.europa.eu/ecb/pub/pdf/ssm.mepletter190329_Zanni-e33115b615.en.pdf

⁴ <https://eba.europa.eu/risk-analysis-and-data/eu-wide-stress-testing/2018/results>

in accordance with the Treaty framework of the European Union. Therefore, it is not for ECB Banking Supervision to comment on whether a measure taken by a national government should be considered State aid and whether such a measure is compatible with the EU Treaties. On these issues, as well as for questions related to the process of taking decisions on State aid, I would refer Mr Schäffler to DG Competition at the European Commission.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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