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Dear Market Participant:

On January 1, 2001 Greece will adopt the euro, expanding the number of members of the single currency from 11 to 12. While the Financial Markets Lawyers Group ("FMLG") believes that its original EMU Protocol ("Protocol") published in October of 1998 covers many of the documentation issues that the adoption of the euro poses for users of the International Foreign Exchange Master Agreement, International Foreign Exchange and Options Master Agreement, and the International Currency Options Market Master Agreement ("Master Agreements"), some market participants may require further clarification with respect to issues specific to Greece and its adoption of the euro. The FMLG, along with the British Bankers Association ("BBA"), has prepared an EMU Amendment (Greece) ("Amendment") that addresses issues associated with the Greek adoption of the euro. Structured like the Protocol, the Amendment addresses Greek-specific issues in the areas of:

- Continuity of contract
- Provision of replacement price sources
- Clarification of payment netting and novation netting
- New definitions related to the euro
- Provisions for average rate options, and
- Provisions for barrier options.

Unlike the Protocol, the Amendment will not have a public adherence procedure administered by the FMLG. Rather each market participant should examine its documentation and business needs and determine whether the Amendment is necessary in connection with any of its relationships with its counterparties. The Amendment has been designed to be a bilateral, privately negotiated amendment to existing Master Agreements. **Market participants should discuss the need for the Amendment with their counterparties and should not forward attempts at adherence to the FMLG.**

Note that the Amendment and this notice, and any of the other information published with the Amendment and the Protocol, does not purport to be legal advice. Market participants should consult with their legal advisers and any other adviser they deem appropriate prior to agreeing to the Amendment. The FMLG, the BBA, the

New York Foreign Exchange Committee, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or any component of the Federal Reserve System assumes no responsibility for any use to which any of the provisions contained in the Amendment may be put.

Very truly yours,

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