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Dear Gerrit,

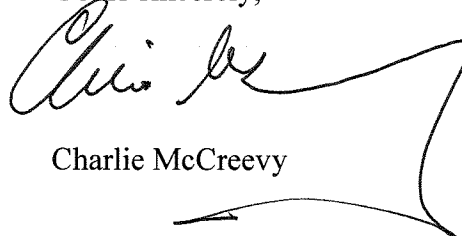
Thank you for your letter of 18 November concerning IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*.

I wish to emphasise that the European Commission remains fully committed to IFRS as the single set of globally accepted accounting standards. Moreover, EU stakeholders unanimously support the general approach based on a mixed measurement model used by the IASB in IFRS 9.

The decision not to seek an accelerated endorsement of IFRS 9 at this stage reflects the changed financial outlook and market improvements. We also need to have a complete overview of all aspects of the new standard. The Commission will be carrying out a thorough assessment of this new standard as well as taking into account the IASB's ongoing work on other aspects of accounting for financial instruments, in particular hedge accounting and financial liabilities.

In view of the timetable for the completion of the IASB's work in this area, it will fall to the next college of Commissioners, who are expected to take office in early 2010, to take a final decision about the endorsement of the new standard for financial instruments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlie McCreevy', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Charlie McCreevy