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STANDING FOR QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL TAX ADVICE

EUROPEAN TAX ADVISERS PUBLISHED A MANIFESTO TAX ADVISERS ARE HIGHLY QUALIFIED, INDEPENDENT LIBERAL PROFESSIONALS

In a manifesto published today, the Confédération Fiscale Européenne (CFE) emphasised the crucial role of the tax adviser profession in the tax system in Europe. On the occasion of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the CFE on 26 September 2009, the 32 Members and Observers adopted at the General Assembly the manifesto in Paris.

The CFE represents through its members 180,000 tax adviser from the European Union and the European Economic Area and beyond.

Henk Koller, chairman of the CFE Professional Affairs Committee and member of the CFE Executive Board said today in Brussels: "CFE has the responsibility to represent the high quality of the tax adviser profession in Europe. The manifesto is the explicit declaration of the aim of the CFE to continue to demonstrate the tax professions integrity, independency and expertise by providing balanced opinion statements in both taxation issues and professional affairs".

The CFE will use this manifesto to raise awareness among EU key stakeholders of the role of the tax adviser profession as the unique profession in all our tax systems by helping taxpayers to understand and comply with the tax obligations.

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Note for Editors:

The CFE is the umbrella organisation of the tax adviser profession in Europe. It was founded in the year 1959 and embraces 32 national organisations from 24 European States and within them over 180,000 tax advisers. CFE consider its functions to be to safeguard the professional interests of tax advisers and to assure the quality of tax services provided by tax advisers and to exchange information about national tax laws and professional law and to contribute to coordination respectively of tax law in Europe.