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To: Steven Maijoor Chair of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) Brussels, 30 September 2020

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Subject: Request to launch an inquiry into possible market manipulation by market participants

Dear Mr Maijoor,

I am writing to request launching an iquiry by ESMA into possible market manipulation by market participants, since national competent authorities failed to act.

Two banks submitted to a large extent economically unjustified interbank lending quotations in Lithuania during the financial crisis. This significantly affected prices of other financial instruments in money markets, particularly in the treasury bills market. I am sure the provisions of the Directive 2003/6/EC are applicable for this case.

Please find detailed analysis, arguments and other relevant information for this request in the attached annexes.

Annexes:

1. Request to launch an inquiry into possible market manipulation by market participants

2. VILIBOR indices in Lithuania: an overlooked case of interbank rate manipulation?

3. Summary of 2009-2010 Lithuanian crisis inquiry findings

Sincerely yours,

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