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Answer given by Mr Moscovici  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The Audit Committee of the Hellenic Corporation of Assets and Participations (HCAP) has a specific mandate, which is provided in the Internal Rules of HCAP (published on HCAP's website). The Audit Committee of HCAP is responsible for supervising HCAP's internal audit function and internal controls, and the work of HCAP's external auditors. It does not have the competence to approve the transactions or business decisions of companies in which HCAP holds shares. Accordingly, it did not approve the transaction or any details of the Public Power Corporation (PPC). The Commission would like to further clarify that the Commission and the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) do not appoint any members of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is a committee of HCAP's Board of Directors.

PPC is a listed company operating in a competitive market. This affects its internal process related to its business decisions, as well as the competencies of its shareholders. The Commission cannot take a position neither with respect to PPC's compliance with its internal rules, nor the capital markets committee rules, nor the substance of the specific transaction. The Commission does understand that PPC made several public announcements regarding the particular transaction during the different stages of the transaction. The Commission also understands that all decisions were taken by its Board of Directors. From the announcements made, the Commission does understand that the value of the company was determined by external financial advisors. However, any question relating to the valuation should be addressed to PPC itself.