Response to consultation on draft guidelines on liquidity stress test for investment funds



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INREV, the European Association for Investors in Non-Listed Real Estate Vehicles*, appreciates the opportunity to provide a few brief comments in response to this consultation.

As an association committed to the establishment of industry best practice standards, liquidity is high on the agenda of INREV and our manager and investor members. While INREV does not take a position on the specific questions raised in the consultation, we would encourage ESMA to consider the INREV Guidelines related to liquidity (attached). INREV's objective is to ensure that investors are provided with a clear and accurate description of the corporate governance, liquidity and property valuation frameworks of non-listed real estate vehicles. We support reasonable and proportional measures under delegated authority related to integrating liquidity stress tests for investment funds in AIFMD. We also support transparency and fair liquidity mechanisms for remaining, exiting and new investors as essential for the exercising of liquidity rights.

(Further, see attached 'INREV Guidelines: Custom Build, Section 7 on Liquidity' and 'INREV Pillars to ensure open end fund liquidity').

Yours sincerely,

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