

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION**of 8 March 2005****on the appointment of a member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank**

(2005/207/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 112(2)(b) and 122(4) thereof, and to Articles 11.2 and 43.3 of the Protocol on the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank,

Whereas:

The term of office of Mr Tommaso PADOA-SCHIOPPA expires on 31 May 2005. A member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank must be appointed,

HEREBY RECOMMENDS THAT:

Mr Lorenzo BINI SMAGHI be appointed a member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank for a term of office of eight years with effect from 1 June 2005.

This Recommendation shall be submitted for a decision to the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the European Community whose currency is the euro, after consulting the European Parliament and the Governing Council of the European Central Bank.

This Recommendation shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 8 March 2005.

For the Council
The President
J.-C. JUNCKER
