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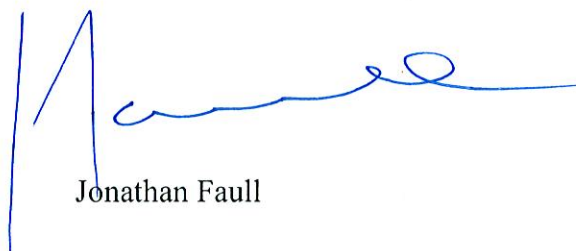
Dear Lord Hoffmann,

Thank you for the Financial Markets Law Committee's reply to the Commission's Green Paper on the review of Council Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters.

I understand your concern to ensure that choice of court agreements are fully respected, given the importance of such agreements in commercial litigation. As set out in the Green Paper, our aim is to give the fullest possible effect to such agreements.

I cannot of course prejudge the outcome of this review exercise, but your apposite and practical comments will be fully taken into account in the process.

Yours sincerely,



Jonathan Faull