<u>Consultation on trading obligation for</u> derivatives under MiFIR

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- 1. respond to the question stated;
- 2. indicate the specific question to which the comment relates;
- 3. contain a clear rationale; and
- 4. describe any alternatives ESMA should consider.

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All interested stakeholders are invited to respond to this consultation paper. In particular, responses are sought from trading venues and from counterparties trading OTC-derivatives that may become subject to the trading obligation.