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## **COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT COMMISSION CONSOLIDATED JURISDICTIONAL NOTICE**

The Confederation of Finnish Industries EK is the leading business organisation in Finland. It represents the entire private sector, both industry and services, and companies of all sizes. EK's member companies represent more than 70 percent of Finland's gross domestic product and over 95 percent of exports from Finland. EK has 44 different branch federations with a membership of 15.000 companies in all, which employ about 900 000 employees.

EK welcomes the Commission's proposal to consolidate the existing jurisdictional notices which were adopted under the 1998 Merger Regulation. It is also important to adjust the notices in the light of the 2004 Merger Regulation and of recent judgements of the European Courts. The aim of this process should be to give more precise and helpful guidance to parties involved in a merger, joint venture or take over. It should be easier to discover whether a certain concentration needs to be notified to the Commission for clearance. The consolidated notices should also clarify and update the Commission's established practice in relation to a number of jurisdictional issues.

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