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Reference	Comment	
General Comment	The ABI welcomes the work done to date by EIOPA on the subject of equivalence and is grateful for the opportunity to comment on EIOPA's draft report. The strengthening of supervisory cooperation internationally and the implementation of an appropriate equivalence regime is an extremely important facet in the success of the Solvency II programme. The ABI notes the	

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	<p>progress made in relation to the equivalence of the Swiss supervisory system and strongly encourages continued cooperation between the relevant parties in order to deal with the outstanding points outlined in the draft report. Where such caveats exist, they should be addressed through an assessment of the adherence to principles and outcomes, as opposed to the application of detailed rules.</p> <p>Where the equivalence assessment is caveated, or where changes are needed for the supervisory regime to be deemed equivalent, it is not entirely clear what the process and timeline is from here on in to achieve equivalence (or not). Full clarity should be provided on the processes and timeline to achieve equivalence where caveats or prescribed changes are stated.</p>	
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