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PRESS RELEASE

A NEW CHAIRMAN HEADS THE IFACI

Claude Cargou has been appointed Chairman of the Institut Français de l'Audit et du Contrôle Internes (IFACI)

Claude Cargou, Executive Vice President, AXA Group Audit, was appointed Chairman of the Institut Français de l'Audit et du Contrôle Internes (IFACI) during the Annual General Meeting of the IFACI held on March 30, 2006.

Having spent part of his career in the information systems industry, for many years Claude Cargou worked on major IT projects both in France and in the United States, with CII-Honeywell Bull and Rockwell International in particular. He then held positions as Head of IT Studies with the Banque Nationale de Paris and CIO with the Crédit du Nord bank before joining AXA in 1990.

Appointed Executive Vice President in charge of IT for the AXA Group, he held that position for ten years before heading the AXA Group Internal Audit department in the beginning of 2002. Particularly active in the community, Claude Cargou served as Chairman of CIGREF (Club Informatique des Grandes Entreprises Françaises, a group of CIOs at France's largest companies) for four years.

A member of the Board of Directors of IFACI for the past three years, Claude Cargou has greatly contributed to the development of the Institute in France as well as within the IIA (The Institute of Internal Auditors) as a member of the Advanced Technology Committee*.

An engineering graduate of the Institut National Polytechnique in Grenoble, 59-year-old Claude Cargou also holds a French Master's degree (DEA) in information processing and a degree from the Institut d'Administration des Entreprises. He was awarded the French *Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur* in 2001.

* IIA research group proposing standards for information systems audits.

IFACI: An institute serving the internal auditing profession

Established in 1965, the IFACI (Institut Français de l'Audit et du Contrôle Interne) includes almost 3,000 members from some 600 public- and private-sector organizations.

An affiliate of the IIA (The Institute of Internal Auditors), IFACI is supported by a network of over 120,000 audit specialists in 160 countries.

IFACI is the organization in France in charge of representing the internal audit profession, fostering its development and serving internal auditors.

▪ **Represent the internal audit profession:**

- By being the key contact for public policymakers, professional organizations, regulated institutions and regulators;
- By promoting a highly operational approach to internal audit among international professional bodies.

▪ **Foster its development:**

- By improving the credibility of internal audit services and the professionalism of internal auditors;
- By encouraging research and dissemination of deliverables;
- By working closely with universities and other higher education institutions.

▪ **Serve internal auditors:**

- By being attentive to their expectations and concerns;
- By sharing best practices;
- By protecting the interests of the profession.

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