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Public Services sign statement of agreement to improve the handling of information of economic value

Santiago, December 19, 2008. In line with the increasingly higher standards of transparency and care given to the handling of information by government services, by virtue of their responsibilities, 10 public organisms represented by their respective directors signed an agreement today to adopt within their organizations the necessary internal measures to allow for sensitive information of economic value to be handled in the best way possible, as well as to implement best practices in this area.

The agreement was signed by the Executive Secretary (S) of the National Energy Commission (**CNE**), José Antonio Ruiz; the National Financial Prosecutor (**FNE**), Enrique Vergara; the National Director of the National Statistics (**INE**), Mariana Schkolnik; the President of the System of Public Enterprises (**SEP**), Rodrigo Azócar, as well as the Superintendents of Casinos (**SCJ**), Francisco Leiva; of Electricity and Fuels (**SEC**), Jack Nahmías (S); of Social Security (**SP**), Solange Berstein; of **Health Care**, Manuel Inostroza; of Sanitary Systems (**SISS**), Magaly Espinosa, and of Securities and Insurance (**SVS**), Guillermo Larrain.

The document establishes that within the next 180 days each organization must internally circulate Law No. 18,045 (Securities Market Law), and in particular its clauses on the handling of sensitive information of economic value.

Likewise, and from the perspective of this Law, each organization agrees to take measures to circulate information internally regarding confidentiality among employees, to establish institutional policies for risk management in the area of confidential information and, as corresponds and within the scope of information handled by each organization, to explain the internal procedure that employees must follow when carrying out operations of acquisition or transfer of securities or financial products derived from these.

These measures must be published on the website of each entity, and activities will be held to raise awareness and provide training for employees regarding their content, due to the importance of implementing the highest standards of transparency in the public sector.

Finally, the public organizations and authorities that signed the agreement (a copy of the signed document is attached) agree to establish mechanisms and opportunities for mutual collaboration in order to ensure that the abovementioned objectives are achieved within the determined timeframe.