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François Pérol, appointed Chairman of the Management Board of CNCE

Paris, February 26, 2009 ---

The Supervisory Board of Caisse Nationale des Caisses d'Épargne (CNCE) convened a meeting today, chaired by Yves Hubert.

The Board accepted the resignation of Bernard Comolet from his position as Chairman of the Management Board of CNCE.

The Supervisory Board then appointed François Pérol as Chairman of the Management Board of CNCE, effective March 2, 2009.

Following the Supervisory Board meeting, Yves Hubert made the following statement: *"I would like to express my warmest thanks to Bernard Comolet for his unfailing commitment at the service of the French savings banks and for the important work accomplished since his appointment at the head of the Group."* The Supervisory Board reiterated its confidence in Bernard Comolet. Its members expressed their satisfaction that he would be joining them once again on the Board and that he would be assuming the position of Vice-Chairman as of March 2, 2009.

Yves Hubert also emphasized that *"with the arrival of François Pérol, Groupe Caisse d'Épargne is completing a new step in its merger with the Banques Populaires and reasserting its determination to give birth to the second largest French banking group."*

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