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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE EUROSYSTEM as at 22 October 1999

I. Items not related to monetary policy operations

In the week ending 22 October 1999 the net position of the Eurosystem in foreign currency (asset items 2 and 3 minus liability items 6, 7 and 8) remained virtually unchanged at EUR 236.6 billion.

The holdings by the Eurosystem of marketable securities of euro area residents denominated in euro (asset item 6) decreased by EUR 0.2 billion to EUR 24.1 billion. Banknotes in circulation (liability item 1) decreased by EUR 2.9 billion to EUR 340.9 billion. Liabilities to general government (liability item 4.1) decreased by EUR 1.8 billion to EUR 36.3 billion.

II. Items related to monetary policy operations

The Eurosystem's net lending to its counterparties in the financial sector (asset item 5 minus liability items 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 3) decreased by EUR 20 billion to EUR 157 billion. On Wednesday 20 October 1999 a main refinancing operation of EUR 90 billion matured and a new one of EUR 75 billion was settled.

Recourse to the **marginal lending facility** (asset item 5.5) increased by EUR 0.9 billion to EUR 1.1 billion. Recourse to the **deposit facility** (liability item 2.2) increased by EUR 5.8 billion to EUR 6 billion.

III. Current accounts of the euro area financial sector

As a result of all transactions, the **current account** position of counterparties with the Eurosystem (liability item 2.1) decreased by EUR 16.5 billion to EUR 92.5 billion.

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Consolidated weekly financial statement of the Eurosystem as at 22 October 1999 (EUR millions)

Assets	Balance as at 22 October 1999	Difference compared to last week due to transactions	Liabilities	Balance as at 22 October 1999	Difference compared to last week due to transactions
1 Gold and gold receivables	114,988	o	1 Banknotes in circulation	340,852	-2,900
Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency			Liabilities to euro area financial sector counterparties denominated in euro		
2.1 Receivables from the IMF 2.2 Balances with banks and security investments,	28,064	153	2.1 Current accounts (covering the minimum reserve system)	92,529	-16,482
external loans and other external assets	212,671	615	2.2 Deposit facility	6,027	5,8 4 3
	240,735	768	2.3 Fixed-term deposits	0	0
			2.4 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0
3 Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign			2.5 Deposits related to margin calls	100	-34
currency	13,741	-7		98,656	-10,673
Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro A.1 Balances with banks, security investments			3 Debt certificates issued	8,606	o
and loans	5,084	0	4 Liabilities to other euro area residents denominated in euro		
4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under			4.1 General government	36,283	-1,812
the ERM II	0	0	4.2 Other liabilities	3,976	100
	5,084	0		40,259	-1,712
5 Lending to financial sector counterparties of euro area			5 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro	7,648	521
5.1 Main refinancing operations	125,054	-15,050			
5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations	44,994	0	6 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in		
5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0	foreign currency	1,071	32
5.4 Structural reverse operations	0	0			
5.5 Marginal lending facility	1,111	916	7 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in		
5.6 Credits related to margin calls	46	-30	foreign currency		
5.7 Other lending	502	42	7.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities	10,610	701
	171,707	-14,122	7.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under		
			the ERM II	0	0
6 Securities of euro area residents denominated				10,610	701
in euro	24,102	-207	8 Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the IMF	6,229	0
7 General government debt denominated in euro	60,156	0		•	-
0. 01	70.400	244	9 Other liabilities	52,955	-391
8 Other assets	79,433	-844	10 Revaluation accounts	89,835	8
			11 Capital and reserves	53,225	2
Total assets	709,946	-14,412	Total liabilities	709,946	-14,412

Totals/sub-totals may not add up, due to rounding.