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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE EUROSYSTEM as at 15 September 2000

I. Items not related to monetary policy operations

In the week ending 15 September 2000 the net position of the Eurosystem in foreign currency (asset items 2 and 3 minus liability items 6, 7 and 8) remained unchanged at EUR 260.9 billion. The settlement dates of the initial sales by the ECB of accumulated foreign exchange income, which commenced on 14 September 2000, fall outside this week's statement.

The holdings by the Eurosystem of marketable securities of euro area residents denominated in euro (asset item 6) decreased by EUR 0.1 billion to EUR 25.3 billion. Banknotes in circulation (liability item 1) decreased by EUR 2.2 billion to EUR 355.3 billion. Liabilities to general government (liability item 4.1) decreased by EUR 1.4 billion to EUR 55.4 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 4.7 billion to EUR 215.2 billion. On

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Wednesday, 13 September 2000 a main refinancing operation of EUR 68 billion matured

and a new one of EUR 63 billion was settled.

Recourse to the marginal lending facility (asset item 5.5) was EUR 0.2 billion (compared

with EUR 0.1 billion in the preceding week), while recourse to the deposit facility (liability

item 2.2) was EUR 0.1 billion (compared with EUR 0.2 billion in the preceding week).

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 2.3 billion to EUR 110.7 billion.

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Consolidated weekly financial statement of the Eurosystem as at 15 September 2000 (EUR millions)

Assets	Balance as at 15 September 2000	Difference compared to last week due to transactions	Liabilities	Balance as at 15 September 2000	Difference compared to last week due to transactions
1 Gold and gold receivables	120,911	o	1 Banknotes in circulation	355,314	-2,175
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	25,975	-69	2.1 Current accounts		
2.2 Balances with banks and security investments,			(covering the minimum reserve system)	110,689	-2,262
external loans and other external assets	238,142	-1,393	2.2 Deposit facility	91	-106
	264,117	-1,462	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	0	0
currency	15,566	1,219		110,780	-2,368
Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro 4.1 Balances with banks, security investments			3 Debt certificates issued	6,265	0
and loans	4,211	117	4 Liabilities to other euro area residents denominated in euro		
4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under	-1,211		4.1 General government	55,429	-1,435
ERM II	0	0	4.2 Other liabilities	3,544	147
	4,211	117	4.2 Other habilities	58,973	-1,288
	7,211	111		30,373	-1,200
5 Lending to financial sector counterparties of the euro area denominated in euro			5 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro	7,460	265
5.1 Main refinancing operations	171,002	-4,999			
5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations	49,999	0	6 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in		
5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0	foreign currency	827	0
5.4 Structural reverse operations	0	0			
5.5 Marginal lending facility	166	98	7 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in		
5.6 Credits related to margin calls	90	-24	foreign currency		
5.7 Other claims	253	113	7.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities	11,244	-249
	221,510	-4,812	7.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under		
			ERM II	0	0
Securities of euro area residents denominated				11,244	-249
in euro	25,324	-76	8 Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the IMF	2 222	_
7 General government debt denominated in euro	58,986	0	8 Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the livin	6,692	1
General government debt denominated in edio	30,900	U	9 Other liabilities	59,196	830
8 Other assets	82,158	31		,	
	·		10 Revaluation accounts	120,895	0
			11 Capital and reserves	55,137	1
otal assets	792,783	-4,983	Total liabilities	792,783	-4,983

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