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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE EUROSYSTEM

as at 9 August 2002

I. Items not related to monetary policy operations

In the week ending 9 August 2002 the net position of the Eurosystem in foreign currency (asset items 2 and 3 minus liability items 7, 8 and 9) decreased by EUR 0.7 billion to EUR 231.2 billion on account of customer and portfolio transactions.

The holdings by the Eurosystem of marketable securities of euro area residents denominated in euro (asset item 7) increased by EUR 0.1 billion to EUR 30.6 billion. Banknotes in circulation (liability item 1) rose by EUR 2.1 billion to EUR 326 billion. Liabilities to general government (liability item 5.1) decreased by EUR 2.9 billion to EUR 47.6 billion.

II. Items related to monetary policy operations

The Eurosystem's net lending to credit institutions (asset item 5 minus liability items 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 4) decreased by EUR 2 billion to EUR 189.1 billion. On Wednesday, 7 August 2002, a main refinancing operation of EUR 84 billion matured, while a new one of EUR 82 billion was settled.

Recourse to both the marginal lending facility (asset item 5.5) and the deposit facility (liability item 2.2) was virtually nil, which was the same as in the preceding week.

III. Current accounts of euro area credit institutions

As a result of all transactions, the **current account** position of credit institutions with the Eurosystem (liability item 2.1) decreased by EUR 1.6 billion to EUR 127.6 billion.

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ssets	Balance as at	Difference compared	Liabilities	Balance as at	Difference compared
	9 August 2002	to last week due to		9 August 2002	to last week due to
		transactions			transactions
1 Gold and gold receivables	128,323	0	1 Banknotes in circulation	326,029	2,076
			2 Liabilities to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations		
2 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency			denominated in euro		
2.1 Receivables from the IMF	32,094	-190	2.1 Current accounts		
2.2 Balances with banks and security investments,			(covering the minimum reserve system)	127,592	
external loans and other external assets	207,315		2.2 Deposit facility	10	_
	239,409	-708	2.3 Fixed-term deposits	0	0
			2.4 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	-
3 Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	19,302	-685	2.5 Deposits related to margin calls	3	•
4 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro				127,605	-1,648
4.1 Balances with banks, security investments and loans	4,824	-112	3 Other liabilities to euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	281	250
4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0		O Stroi nabilities to care area orean montations denominated in care	201	200
	4,824	•	4 Debt certificates issued	2,939	0
5 Lending to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations					
denominated in euro			5 Liabilities to other euro area residents denominated in euro		
5.1 Main refinancing operations	136,998		5.1 General government	47,619	
5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations	54,999		5.2 Other liabilities	4,671	
5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	•		52,290	-2,967
5.4 Structural reverse operations	0				
5.5 Marginal lending facility	23		6 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro	8,643	-739
5.6 Credits related to margin calls	47				
	192,067	-1,965	7 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	1,312	-80
6 Other claims on euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	402	-20	8 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency		
			8.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities	19,716	-659
7 Securities of euro area residents denominated in euro	30,630	148	8.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	
8 General government debt denominated in euro	67,638	-21		19,716	-659
o General government debt denominated in edio	07,030	-21	9 Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the IMF	6,521	0
9 Other assets Total assets	86,034	402	10 Other liabilities		
			10 Other liabilities	59,910	804
			11 Revaluation accounts	99,114	. О
			12 Capital and reserves	64,270	2
	768,630	-2,961	Total liabilities	768,630	-2.961

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