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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE EUROSYSTEM as at 9 July 2004

I. Items not related to monetary policy operations

In the week ending 9 July 2004, the decrease of EUR I million in **gold and gold receivables** (asset item I) corresponded to a sale of gold coins by a national central bank of the Eurosystem.

The net position of the Eurosystem in foreign currency (asset items 2 and 3 minus liability items 7, 8 and 9) decreased by EUR 0.4 billion to EUR 172.7 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 0.4 billion to EUR 73.8 billion. Banknotes in circulation (liability item 1) rose by EUR 3.7 billion to EUR 458.2 billion. Liabilities to general government (liability item 5.1) fell by EUR 2.2 billion to EUR 65 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 2.5 billion to EUR 326.9 billion. On Wednesday, 7 July 2004, a main refinancing operation of EUR 256 billion matured and a new one of EUR 253 billion was settled.

Recourse to the **marginal lending facility** (asset item 5.5) was virtually nil (approximately the same as in the preceding week), while recourse to the **deposit facility** (liability item 2.2) was EUR 0.1 billion (compared with EUR 0.5 billion in the previous 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 2.8 billion to EUR 137.5 billion.

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Consolidated weekly financial statement of the Eurosystem as at 9 July 2004 (EUR millions)

ssets	Balance as at	Difference compared	Liabilities	Balance as at	Difference compared
	9 July 2004	to last week due to transactions		9 July 2004	to last week due to transactions
1 Gold and gold receivables	127,417	-1	1 Banknotes in circulation	458,176	3,679
			2 Liabilities to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations		
2 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	20.200	4	denominated in euro 2.1 Current accounts		
2.1 Receivables from the IMF2.2 Balances with banks and security investments,	28,386	4	(covering the minimum reserve system)	137.486	-2.792
external loans and other external assets	147,200	1.466	2.2 Deposit facility	137,460	-2,792 -486
external loans and other external assets	175,586		2.3 Fixed-term deposits	03	-400 0
	175,500	1,470	2.4 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0
3 Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	16,370	-260	2.5 Deposits related to margin calls	1	-3
o oranno on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	10,570	-200	2.5 Deposits related to margin cans	137,550	-3,281
4 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro				137,550	-3,201
4.1 Balances with banks, security investments and loans	6,717	-141	3 Other liabilities to euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	302	0
4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0,717	0	3 Other habilities to care area credit institutions denominated in care	302	v
4.2 Crains arong norm the credit radinty under LINW II	6,717	-141	4 Debt certificates issued	1,054	0
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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	252,999	-3,002	5.1 General government	65,005	-2,193
5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations	75,001	1	5.2 Other liabilities	5,726	·
5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0		70,731	-2,340
5.4 Structural reverse operations	0				_,
5.5 Marginal lending facility	10	9	6 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro	8,183	-788
5.6 Credits related to margin calls	3	3		.,	
	328,013	-2,989	7 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	220	6
6 Other claims on euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	522	-153	8 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency		
			8.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities	13,099	· ·
7 Securities of euro area residents denominated in euro	73,780	397	8.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0
				13,099	1,563
8 General government debt denominated in euro	42,080	0			
0.04			9 Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the IMF	5,896	0
9 Other assets	110,541	344	10 Other liabilities	55,843	-173
			10 Other habilities	55,045	-1/3
			11 Revaluation accounts	70,205	0
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			12 Capital and reserves	59,767	1
Total assets	881,026	-1,333	Total liabilities	881.026	-1,333

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