Update on STEP

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Outstanding amount of euro-denominated STEP and worldwide euro-denominated non-government short-term paper, March 2008

- Euro-denominated non-government short-term debt securities issued worldwide: 993.2 billion EUR
- Of which euro-denominated STEP issues: 287.7 billion EUR
Market developments – Size

Distribution of STEP programmes by issuer sector (number of programmes end-April 2008)

- Monetary financial institution (bank), 44
- Non-financial corporation, 22
- Other financial intermediary (ABCP), 4
- General government, 2
- Supranational, 1
Market developments – Size

Distribution of STEP label among underlying markets
(number of programmes end-April 2008)

- Domestic 48
- International 25
Market developments – Yields

Issuance spread over 1-month EONIA Swap (bps, 5-days MA)

- All (10-40 days)
- MFIs (10-40 days)
Institutional developments – STEP labelling

• extension of ESCB involvement in STEP labelling process for two additional years until end of June 2010

SUBJECT TO

• the provision by end-2008 by the EBF of
  ✓ A business plan to ensure an effective and smooth implementation of the STEP labelling without ESCB support by June 2010 at the latest
  ✓ An in-depth legal assessment of the STEP Market Convention
Institutional developments – Market Convention

• Task Force on the review of the STEP Market Convention
  ✔ enhancements of STEP market convention
  ✔ reconciliation between different standards
  ✔ better integration
  ✔ increase strength of STEP market