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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE EUROSYSTEM as at 11 October 2002

I. Items not related to monetary policy operations

In the week ending 11 October 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 0.1 billion to EUR 240.8 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 32.3 billion. **Banknotes in circulation** (liability item 1) decreased very slightly to EUR 331.6 billion. **Liabilities to general government** (liability item 5.1) decreased by EUR 3.8 billion to EUR 39.1 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) increased by EUR 0.7 billion to EUR 188.1 billion. On Wednesday, 9 October 2002, a **main refinancing operation** of EUR 65 billion matured and a new one of EUR 66 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 (compared with EUR 0.4 billion and EUR 0.1 billion respectively 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) increased by EUR 5 billion to EUR 132.3 billion.

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