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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE EUROSYSTEM as at 17 November 2000

I. Items not related to monetary policy operations

In the week ending 17 November 2000 the net position of the Eurosystem in foreign currency (asset items 2 and 3 minus liability items 6, 7 and 8) decreased by EUR 1.2 billion to EUR 270.7 billion, reflecting the intervention of the ECB on 9 November 2000, a swap transaction with the Bank of Japan, and routine customer and portfolio transactions conducted by the national central banks.

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 25.9 billion. Banknotes in circulation (liability item 1) decreased by EUR 2.2 billion to EUR 351.9 billion. Liabilities to general government (liability item 4.1) increased by EUR 2.1 billion to EUR 52.2 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) of EUR 226.6 billion remained unchanged compared

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with the previous week. On Wednesday, 15 November 2000 a main refinancing

operation of EUR 90 billion matured and a new one of EUR 90 billion was settled.

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

with virtually nil in the preceding week), while recourse to the deposit facility (liability

item 2.2) was EUR 0.1 billion (compared with EUR 0.1 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 3.3 billion to EUR 111.4 billion.

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Consolidated weekly financial statement of the Eurosystem as at 17 November 2000 (EUR millions)

 Gold and gold receivables Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency Receivables from the IMF Balances with banks and security investments, external loans and other external assets Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro Balances with banks, security investments and loans Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II 	26,919 245,661 272,580 16,032	-3 -3,837 -3,840	1 Banknotes in circulation 2 Liabilities to euro area financial sector counterparties denominated in euro 2.1 Current accounts (covering the minimum reserve system) 2.2 Deposit facility 2.3 Fixed-term deposits 2.4 Fine-tuning reverse operations	351,946 111,366 128	-2,181
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and loans 4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II			3 Debt certificates issued	3,784	0
ERM II	3,535	17	4 Liabilities to other euro area residents denominated in euro		
ERM II	,		4.1 General government	52,222	2,099
	0	0	4.2 Other liabilities	4,262	128
	3,535	17		56,484	2,227
5 Lending to financial sector counterparties of the euro area denominated in euro			5 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro	10,870	982
5.1 Main refinancing operations	185,000	0			
5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations	45,001	0	6 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in		
5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0	foreign currency	865	1
5.4 Structural reverse operations	0	0			
5.5 Marginal lending facility	186	168	7 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in		
5.6 Credits related to margin calls	17	-17	foreign currency		
5.7 Other claims	263	-102	7.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities	9,998	-1,990
	230,467	49	7.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under	_	_
			ERM II	0	0
Securities of euro area residents denominated				9,998	-1,990
in euro	25,941	-128	8 Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the IMF	7.077	0
7 General government debt denominated in euro	58,762	0		7,077	v
8 Other assets	86,692	331	9 Other liabilities	67,139	1,293
	00,092	331	10 Revaluation accounts	144,152	0
			11 Capital and reserves	55,147	2
otal assets					

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