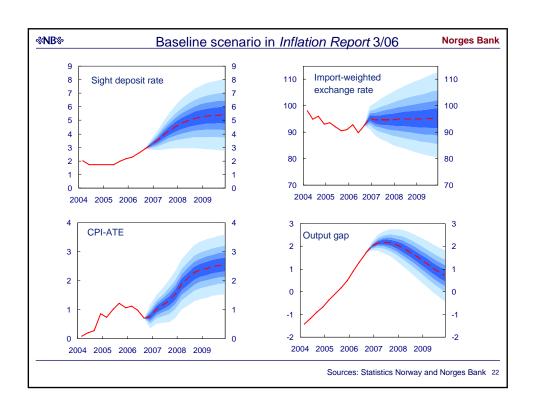


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- The Executive Board's assessment is that the sight deposit rate should be in the interval 3¼ - 4¼ per cent in the period to the publication of the next *Inflation Report* on 15 March 2007, conditional on economic developments that are broadly in line with the projections.
- The interest rate may gradually be raised to a more normal level at a somewhat faster pace than envisaged earlier, although it is unlikely that rates will be raised at every monetary policy meeting. In the light of our current assessment, the interest rate will thus continue to be raised in small, not too frequent steps.

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