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5. The current monetary policy situation

Related documents: CONFIDENTIAL memo 27 January 2005 –

Developments since 8 December 2004 from

Monetary Policy

CONFIDENTIAL draft minutes of meeting between Norges Bank and the Ministry of Finance on 14

December 2004

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL memo 28 January 2005 – Updated inflation outlook from Monetary

Policy

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL memo 2 February 2005 – Background and general assessment from

Monetary Policy

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. Presentations from

Monetary Policy

The Deputy Governor presented a review of the main economic developments since the previous Executive Board meeting, with particular emphasis on developments in money, foreign exchange and capital markets and his assessment of these developments in relation to the monetary policy strategy.

On this basis, the <u>Executive Board</u> had a discussion. The Board decided to keep the key policy rate unchanged.

The Executive Board also took note of the memo "Developments since 8 December 2004". The Governor informed the Board that the minutes of the meeting between the Ministry of Finance and Norges Bank on 14 December 2004 had now been approved.