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4. The current monetary policy situation

Related documents: Memo 21 September 2006 – Economic

developments since 10 August 2006 from Monetary

Policy

Draft minutes of meeting between Norges Bank and

the Ministry of Finance on 15 August 2006 CONFIDENTIAL memo 21 September 2006 – Updated inflation outlook from Monetary Policy Memo 19 September 2006 – Report from Norges

Bank's Regional Network, Monetary Policy

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL memo 27 September

2006 from Monetary Policy.

Background and general assessment (distributed at

the meeting)

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Monetary Policy

Erik Nesset from Møreforskning and Maja B. Sjåtil presented a review of the main findings and trends in the reports from Norges Bank's Regional Network.

The Deputy Governor then 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 Norges Bank's sight deposit rate unchanged at 3.00 percent.