Monetary policy meeting of the Executive Board, 11 August 2004

 2. <u>The current monetary policy situation</u> Related documents: CONFIDENTIAL memo 5 August 2004 – Developments since 23 June 2004, from Monetary Policy CONFIDENTIAL draft minutes of meeting between Norges Bank and the Ministry of Finance on 30 June 2004 STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL memo 11 August 2004 – Background and general assessment 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 23 June 2004". The Deputy Governor informed the Board that the minutes of the meeting between the Ministry of Finance and Norges Bank on 30 June 2004 had now been approved.