Monetary policy meeting of the Executive Board, 22 September 2004

1. The current monetary policy situation

Related documents: CONFIDENTIAL memo 17 September 2004 –

Developments since 4 August 2004 from Monetary

Policy

CONFIDENTIAL draft minutes of meeting between Norges Bank and the Ministry of Finance on 10 August

2004

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL memo 17 September 2004 / Monetary Policy – Updated inflation outlook (sent

by registered post)

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL memo 22 September 2004 / Monetary Policy Background and general

assessment (distributed at the meeting)

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. Presentations / Monetary

Policy – distributed at the meeting

The 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 4 August 2004". The Governor informed the Board that the minutes of the meeting between the Ministry of Finance and Norges Bank on 10 August 2004 had now been approved.