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\$ US dollar unless specified otherwise

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submitted to the Annual General Meeting of the Bank for International Settlements held in Basel on 26 June 2006

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to submit to you the 76th Annual Report of the Bank for International Settlements for the financial year which ended on 31 March 2006.

The net profit for the year amounted to SDR 599.2 million, compared with SDR 370.9 million for the preceding year. Details of the results for the financial year 2005/06 may be found on pages 180–2 of this Report under "Net profit and its distribution".

The Board of Directors proposes, in application of Article 51 of the Bank's Statutes, that the present General Meeting apply the sum of SDR 132.4 million in payment of a dividend of SDR 245 per share, payable in any constituent currency of the SDR, or in Swiss francs. This year's proposed amount compares to the dividend of SDR 235 per share paid out last year.

The Board further recommends that SDR 46.7 million be transferred to the general reserve fund, SDR 6.0 million to the special dividend reserve fund and the remainder – amounting to SDR 414.1 million – to the free reserve fund.

If these proposals are approved, the Bank's dividend for the financial year 2005/06 will be payable to shareholders on 3 July 2006.

Basel, 9 June 2006

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