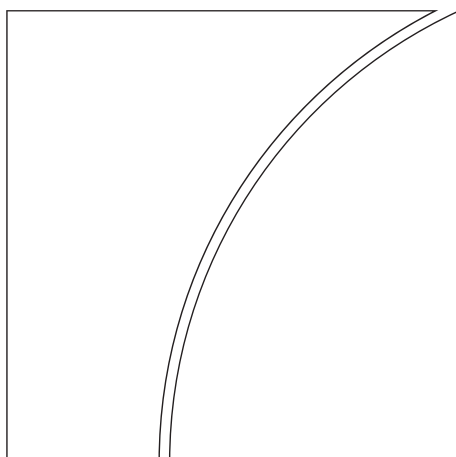




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Conventions used in this Report

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|----------|--------------------------------------|
| lhs, rhs | left-hand scale, right-hand scale |
| billion | thousand million |
| ... | not available |
| . | not applicable |
| – | nil or negligible |
| \$ | US dollar unless specified otherwise |

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to submit to you the 79th Annual Report of the Bank for International Settlements for the financial year which ended on 31 March 2009.

The net profit for the year amounted to SDR 446.1 million, compared with SDR 544.7 million for the preceding year. Details of the results for the financial year 2008/09 may be found on pages 176–80 of this Report under “Financial results and profit 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 144.7 million in payment of a dividend of SDR 265 per share, payable in any constituent currency of the SDR, or in Swiss francs. This year’s proposed dividend per share is the same as paid out last year.

The Board further recommends that SDR 30.1 million be transferred to the general reserve fund and the remainder – amounting to SDR 271.3 million – to the free reserve fund.

If these proposals are approved, the Bank’s dividend for the financial year 2008/09 will be payable to shareholders on 2 July 2009.

Basel, 12 June 2009

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