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COMMUNIQUE FROM EC FINANCE MINISTERS ON THE EXCHANGE RATE MECHANISM

The ministers and central bank governors of member states of the European Community have decided to widen temporarily the obligatory marginal intervention thresholds of the participants in the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System to +/- 15 percent around the bilateral central rates.

This measure of limited duration is in response to speculative movements, which are exceptional in amount as well as in nature. Indeed, having regard to the fundamental economic situation of the member states participating in the system, the current parity grid is fully justified. The ministers and governors therefore reaffirm support for the current parities and are confident that the market rates will soon approach these parities once again.

The monetary authorities of the member states will continue to direct their monetary policy toward the aim of price stability.

All the member states reaffirm their determination to put the Treaty on European Union into operation as soon as its ratification is complete, including the evaluation procedure, which according to Article 109 E must take place before January 1, 1994, the start of Stage II. Moreover, they reaffirm their support for the procedures and the criteria laid down in the Treaty with respect to the attainment of a sufficient degree of convergence in order to allow the realisation of Economic and Monetary Union.

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		100 BLF	100 DKR	100 DM	100 PTA	100 FF	1 IRL	100 HFL	100 ESC	1 ECU
Bruxelles in BLF	+ 16.1187 % Central rates -13.8813 %	100	627.880 540.723 465.665	2395.20 2062.55 1776.20	30.2715 26.0696 22.4510	714.030 614.977 529.660	57.7445 49.7289 42.8260	2125.60 1830.54 1576.45	24.2120 20.8512 17.9570	40.2123
Kobenhavn in DKR	+ 16.1187 % Central rates -13.8813 %	21 4747 18.4938 15 9266	100	442 988 381.443 328.461	5.59850 4.82126 4.15190	132.086 113.732 97 9430	10.6792 9.19676 7.92014	393.105 338.537 291.544	4.47770 3.85618 3 32090	7.43679
Frankfurt in DM	+ 16.1187 % Central rates -13.8813 %	5.63000 4.84837 4.17500	30.4450 26.2162 22.5750	100	1.46800 1.26395 1.08800	34.6250 29.8164 25 6750	2.80000 2.41105 2.07600	103.058 88.7526 76.4326	1 17400 1.01094 0.87100	1.94964
Madrid in PTA	+ 16.1187 % Central rates -13.8813 %	445.418 383.589 330.342	2408.50 2074.15 1786.20	9191.20 7911.72 6812.00	100	2739.30 2358.98 2031.50	221.503 190.755 164.276	8153.70 7021.83 6047.10	92.8760 79.9828 68.8800	154.250
Paris in FF	+ 16.1187 % Central rates -13.8813 %	18.8800 16.2608 14.0050	102.100 87.9257 75.7200	389 480 335.386 288.810	4.92250 4.23911 3.65050	100	9.38950 8.08631 6.96400	345.650 297.661 256.350	3.93700 3.39056 2.91990	6.53883
Dublin in IRL	+ 16.1187 % Central rates -13.8813 %	2 33503 2.01090 1.73176	12.6281 10.8734 9.36403	48.1696 41.4757 35.7143	.608731 .524232 .451462	14.3599 12.3666 10.6500	1	42.7439 36.8105 31.7007	486881 .419295 .381092	.808628
Amsterdam in HFL	+ 16.1187 % Central rates -13.8813 %	6.34340 5.46286 4.70454	34.3002 29.5389 25.4385	130.834 112.673 97.0325	1.65368 1.42413 1 22644	39.0091 33.5953 28.9381	3.15450 2.71682 2.33952	100	1.32266 1.13908 .980940	2.19672
Lisboa in ESC	+ 16.1187 % Central rates -13.8813 %	556 890 479.590 413 020	3011.20 2593.24 2233.30	11481.1 9891.77 8517.90	145.180 125.027 107.670	3424.80 2949.37 2540.00	276.938 238.495 205.389	10194.3 8779.18 7560.50	100	192.854

DRA does not participate in the exchange rate mechanism

LIT intervention limits temporarily not applicable and UKL participation in the exchange rate mechanism suspended, as from 17 September 1992. Their notional central rates are 264.513 DRA, 1793.19 LIT and 0.786749 UKL respectively for one ecu.