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PRESS RELEASE ON REQUIRED RESERVES

In order to lengthen the maturity structure of liabilities in the banking sector, the foreign exchange (FX) required reserve ratios have been decreased for long-term liabilities while they have remained unchanged at 12 percent for short-term liabilities.

Thus, FX required reserve ratios are as follows:

FX Liabilities	Current Ratios (%)	New Ratios (%)
Deposits/participation accounts with 1-year and longer maturity and cumulative deposits/participation accounts	11	10
Other FX liabilities up to 3-year maturity (including 3-year)	11.5	10
Other FX liabilities longer than 3-year maturity	11	9

The abovementioned regulation will be effective as of 22 July 2011 and the required reserves calculated using the new ratios will start to be maintained as of 5 August 2011. Therefore, based on current data, liquidity amounting to approximately USD 590 million will be provided to the market.