

**PRESS RELEASE ON
OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS**

As announced in its press release of 25 November 2011, the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey (CBRT) informs the public on a regular basis regarding the planned amount of funding provided to banks via one-week repo auctions in order to facilitate their liquidity management and to assist them in estimating their total funding cost. In the same way, the CBRT has announced the planned lower limit of the outstanding total amount of funding (one-week repo funding amount) provided via one-week repo auctions on Reuters "CBTF" page.

As a continuation of the current implementation, the Governor of the CBRT indicated in his presentation at the Istanbul Chamber of Industry that the CBRT's daily funding amounts related to one-week repo auctions conducted via the quantity auction method would be set between 3 and 7 billion TL in order to facilitate banks' liquidity management until the next Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting.

At its meeting on 24 January 2012, the MPC decided to keep the daily funding amount via quantity auctions between 3 and 7 billion TL on normal days until the next MPC meeting to be held on 21 February 2012. The lower and upper limits of this funding will continue to be announced on Reuters "CBTF" page after each MPC meeting.

Furthermore, by taking into consideration TL liquidity forecasts and the high levels of Treasury account balance, the upper limit for the total funding amount planned to be provided for the period 27 January to 23 February 2012 through one-month repo auctions, which were introduced in accordance with the liquidity management strategy outlined in the Monetary and Exchange Rate Policy for 2012, has been set as 20 billion TL, and the upper limit for each auction to be held in the said period has been set as 5 billion TL .

Under extraordinary circumstances, due to any significant unexpected change in liquidity conditions, the CBRT may provide funds different from the pre-announced limits.