

PRESS RELEASE
ON
CBRT INTEREST RATES

1. The CBRT has decided to cut short-term interest rates applied at the CBRT Interbank Money Market and at the Istanbul Stock Exchange Repo-Reverse Repo Market starting from **9 March 2005** as follows:

a) **Overnight Interest Rates:** The borrowing interest rate is lowered to **15.50 percent** from 16.5 percent, and the lending interest rate to **19.50 percent** from 20.50 percent.

b) **Other Maturities:** The one-week borrowing interest rate is lowered to **15.50 percent** from 16.50 percent.

c) **Late Liquidity Window Interest Rates:** Within the framework of the Late Liquidity Window Facility, the CBRT overnight lending interest rate applicable between 16:00 – 16:30 hours at Interbank Money Market is lowered to **23.50 percent** from 24.50 percent. Borrowing interest rate of 5 percent remains the same.

d) The interest rates applicable to overnight and one-week maturity borrowing facilities provided for primary dealer banks via repo transactions within the framework of open market transactions are lowered to **17.50 percent** from 18.50 percent.

2. The report entitled “Inflation and Outlook” explaining the rationale of the above-mentioned decision will be published **within two working days**, by also taking into account of the evaluations made at the Monetary Policy Board meeting held on 8 March 2005.