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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**ON**  
**THE SUSPENSION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE BUYING AUCTIONS BY THE**  
**CENTRAL BANK**

As announced by the Central Bank of Turkey in its press release entitled “*General Framework of Inflation Targeting Regime and Monetary and Exchange Rate Policy for 2006*” dated 5 December 2005, No: 2005-56, the Central Bank may, with prior notice, suspend foreign exchange buying auctions in cases where the foreign exchange market is getting thinner, creating excessive volatility in exchange rates and price distortions due to a serious exogenous shock or unforeseen extraordinary developments.

In this context, it has recently been observed that the depth in foreign exchange market is disappearing, causing volatility in exchange rates in line with the decrease in foreign exchange supply due to the recent global liquidity conditions as well. For this reason, the Central Bank has decided to suspend foreign exchange buying auctions to be effective from 16 May 2006.

When the Central Bank decides to resume holding foreign exchange buying auctions according to the developments in the foreign exchange market, the daily auction program will be announced with prior notice as before.