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MIPT: REALIGNMENT OF EUROPEAN CURRENCIES.

TEXT OF EC COMMUNIQUE.

ON 20 JULY 1985, THE MINISTERS AND CENTRAL BANK GOVERNORS OF THE EEC MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, IN A COMMON PROCEDURE .INVOLVING THE COMMISSION AND ON THE BASIS OF A PROPOSAL FROM THE MONETARY COMMITTEE, DECIDED ON AN ADJUSTMENT OF CENTRAL RATES WITHIN THE EUROPEAN MONETARY SYSTEM.

THE NEW BILATERAL CENTRAL RATES RESULT FROM THE FOLLOWING RELATIVE CHANGES:

IRISH POUND : PLUS 2 PERCENT
FRENCH FRANC : PLUS 2 PERCENT
DANISH KRONE : PLUS 2 PERCENT
DUTCH GUILDER : PLUS 2 PERCENT
GERMAN MARK : PLUS 2 PERCENT
BELGIAN FRANC : PLUS 2 PERCENT
LUXEMBOURG FRANC : PLUS 2 PERCENT
ITALIAN LIRA : MINUS 6 PERCENT

THE NEW ECU CENTRAL RATES ARE THE FOLLOWING:

0.724578 IRL 6.86402 FF 8.12857 DKR 2.52208 HFL 2.2384 DM 44.832 BFR 44.832 LFR 1520.6 LIT 0.555312 UKL 100.719 DRA

THE NEW BILATERAL CENTRAL RATES AND THE COMPULSORY INTERVENTION RATES WILL BE COMMUNICATED BY THE MONETARY AUTHORITIES IN TIME FOR THE OPENING OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS ON 22 JULY 1985.

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