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## Extension of swap facility with the Federal Reserve

In response to the continued strains in short-term funding markets, central banks today are announcing further coordinated actions to expand significantly the capacity to provide US dollar liquidity. Central banks will continue to work together closely and are prepared to take appropriate steps as needed to address funding pressures.

Today the Federal Reserve has concluded agreements with a number of central banks, including Danmarks Nationalbank, to increase and extend existing temporary reciprocal currency agreements (swap lines). Danmarks Nationalbank's swap facility with the Federal Reserve has been increased from 5 billion dollars to a total of 15 billion dollars and the term has been extended from 30 January 2009 to 30 April 2009.

Governor Nils Bernstein, Danmarks Nationalbank, says, "The crisis in the USA has made it more difficult for banks outside the USA to obtain funding in dollars. By increasing the size of its swap facility with the Federal Reserve, Danmarks Nationalbank, like other central banks, is expanding its capacity to provide credit in US dollars in order to facilitate the exchange of dollar funding. Danmarks Nationalbank appreciates this assistance from the Federal Reserve."

Danmarks Nationalbank provided 5 billion dollars in an auction held on 26 September 2008. Details of the next auction will be published at a later date.

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Further information is available on the following websites:

Bank of Canada: [www.bank-banque-canada.ca](http://www.bank-banque-canada.ca)

Bank of England: [www.bankofengland.co.uk](http://www.bankofengland.co.uk)

Bank of Japan: [www.boj.or.jp/en](http://www.boj.or.jp/en)

Norges Bank: [www.norges-bank.no](http://www.norges-bank.no)

European Central Bank: [www.ecb.int](http://www.ecb.int)

Reserve Bank of Australia: [www.rba.gov.au](http://www.rba.gov.au)

Sveriges Riksbank: [www.riksbank.com](http://www.riksbank.com)

Swiss National Bank: [www.snb.ch](http://www.snb.ch)