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Important message

On 9 January 2004 there has been media inquiries in the United States about the CBCDG and the CDS (Counterfeit Deterrence System). The former CBCDG Project Director was also interviewed. Articles will most likely start to appear in newspapers soon. Questions may likely be directed at your central bank by various media.

Please ensure that the spokesperson for your institution responsible for communications about CDS are familiar with the attached communication program. Spokespersons should use the information provided in the Questions and Answers and the Key CDS Messages to respond to inquiries.

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