



EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

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Dear Governor,

Cher Jean-Claude,

Thank you for inviting me to the ceremonies surrounding the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Banque de France. I gladly accept the invitation, including the participation in a panel on the responsibility of the central banker in a democracy of opinion.

Allow me to draw your attention, probably superfluously, to one logistical complication: you undoubtedly are aware that it is intended to hold next year's International Monetary Conference in Paris from 27 May to 30 May. The traditional "central bankers' panel" is scheduled for the morning of 30 May. I hope this does not conflict with your schedule.

Yours sincerely,

with personal wishes,
Wim Duisenberg