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■ PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT OF CREDIT INSTITUTIONS AS AT 31 MARCH 2011

Based on provisional figures, the CSSF estimates profit before provisions of the Luxembourg banking sector at EUR 1,604 million for the first quarter of 2011. Compared to the same period in 2010, profit before provisions thus remains almost unchanged with a slight increase of 0.5%.

Due to a favourable stock market context which benefits the wealth management activities exercised by the banks of the financial centre, **commission income** increased by 15.4% over a year. On the contrary, **interest income** continues its downward trend. Nevertheless, their decrease, which amounts to 4.6% year-on-year, is less important than in 2010 and only concerns a third of the financial centre's banks.

Having regard to the drop of other net income, mainly more volatile, the banking income only increases by 0.8%.

General expenses recorded a growth of 1.2% due to the effects of the expenses other than staff costs which improved by 6.7% in a year.

Overall, the above indicated factors taken as a whole resulted in a result before provisions which only increased by 0.5% in 2011 compared to last year.

Profit and loss account as at 31 March 2011

Items in million EUR	March 2010	March 2011	%
Interest-rate margin ¹	1,453	1,385	-4.6%
Commissions received	917	1,059	+15.4%
Other net income	422	371	-12.1%
Banking income	2,791	2,814	+0.8%
Staff costs	685	665	-2.9%
Other general expenses	510	545	+6.7%
General expenses	1,195	1,210	+1.2%
Result before provisions	1,596	1,604	+0.5%

¹ Including dividends received from subsidiaries