

PRESS RELEASE

**TURKISH LIRA DEPOSIT BUYING AUCTIONS PROGRAM
FOR NOVEMBER 2003**

The Central Bank has been conducting Turkish lira deposit buying auctions with a standard four-week maturity since April 2002 as a supplement to its existing instruments with the aim of enhancing the effectiveness of its efforts to sterilize the excess Turkish lira liquidity in the system. As is known, Turkish lira deposit buying auctions were held on Wednesdays and Fridays each week in October 2003 and the maximum amount at each auction was limited to 100 trillion Turkish liras.

The Central Bank will continue to hold Turkish lira deposit buying auctions with a standard four-week maturity on Wednesdays and Fridays each week in November 2003 as well. Moreover, the Central Bank will hold Turkish lira deposit buying auctions with a standard two-week maturity on Mondays each week. There will be no upper limit at each auction. The other guidelines concerning the principles of auction remain the same.

With this adjustment, the amount purchased in Turkish lira deposit buying auctions will be determined more flexibly by considering the liquidity level in the market, and the Central Bank will be able to enhance its effectiveness in sterilizing the excess Turkish lira liquidity.