Book value per share increased 8% from the prior year to $77.40, largely reflecting the increase in shareholders’ equity. Return on common shareholders’ equity (ROE) is calculated as net income, less preferred dividends and distributions on other equity instruments as a percentage of average common shareholders’ equity. (1) The adjusted rate is computed using adjusted net income rather than reported net income in the determination of income subject to tax. Adjusted results in this section are non-GAAP and are discussed in the Non-GAAP Measures section on page 17.

Notes:

1. Monthly net purchases at book value and monthly redemption amounts. During the reinvestment phase, the Eurosystem adheres to the principle of market neutrality via smooth and flexible implementation. To this end, the reinvestments of principal redemptions are distributed over the year to allow for a regular and balanced market presence.