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Central banks to extend provision of USD liquidity

The Swiss National Bank (SNB), in accordance with the European Central Bank and the Bank of England, will continue to offer US dollar liquidity operations at a term of 7 days through January 2010. Given the improved conditions in funding markets, the SNB plans to discontinue the current 84-day US dollar liquidity operations following the auction of 6 October 2009.

A schedule with information on the planned US dollar auctions through January 2010 can be found under www.snb.ch, Financial markets, US dollar auctions. Information on related measures taken by other central banks is available on the following websites:

Bank of England (www.bankofengland.co.uk)

European Central Bank (www.ecb.int)

Federal Reserve System (www.federalreserve.gov)

Bank of Japan (www.boj.or.jp/en/)