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Press release

New Deputy Head of Department I

Following the proposal of the Bank authorities and the Governing Board, the Federal Council, at its meeting of June 27, appointed Ulrich Kohli as the new Deputy Head of Department I of the Swiss National Bank. Ulrich Kohli, born in 1948, will assume this function to succeed Georg Rich, who will retire as of 1 December 2001.

Mr Kohli is a professor at the University of Geneva where he is currently the chairman of the Economics Department. He was born in Zurich and studied economics at the University of Lausanne. After studying and working in Canada, Mr Kohli taught at many renowned universities abroad and worked as an economist at several central banks. The Swiss National Bank was also among them, where he was an Economic Advisor in the Economic Studies section.

Ulrich Kohli has been a member of a number of government commissions and working parties on various issues such as social security, monetary policy, foreign policy and international migration. He served on the executive committee of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics and on the National Research Council of the Swiss Science Foundation. He is currently chairman of the Swiss Federal Commission on Economic Activity and was a member of the group of experts for the revision of the National Bank Law appointed by the Federal Department of Finance. Mr Kohli's many scientific publications are mainly in the areas of international trade, aggregate production theory, economic growth, monetary economics and macroeconomics.

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