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Preparation of new banknote series for Switzerland

Project to be pursued further with Swiss graphic artist Manuela Pfrunder

At its meeting of 23 February 2007, the Bank Council of the Swiss National Bank decided to follow the Enlarged Governing Board's recommendation, that preparations for a new banknote series for Switzerland be pursued further with the Swiss graphic artist Manuela Pfrunder. In the SNB's competition for the artistic design of a new banknote series, back in November 2005, Manuela Pfrunder was placed second. When the designs of the three award winners were developed further, Manuela Pfrunder's work proved to be particularly suitable for a new banknote series. Nevertheless, her designs will have to be thoroughly reworked – both artistically and technically – before they reach production stage.

The SNB has asked Manuela Pfrunder to develop the designs of all six different banknote denominations and to bring one of them up to technical production level by mid-2008. Once these documents are ready, the Bank Council and the Governing Board will decide on how to proceed further.

For further information, see www.snb.ch, Banknotes, *New banknotes project*.