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## Statement by the Banco de España

This statement addresses the media coverage today and yesterday of the reports drawn up as part of the preliminary proceedings initiated in the Audiencia Nacional (National High Court) in relation to BFA-Bankia by the bank-supervisor experts appointed by the Court in this connection. The Banco de España hereby states that such experts have acted in a wholly independent capacity and exclusively under the orders of the examining magistrate, having received no directions or instructions from the Banco de España on the performance of their duties.

Accordingly, the above-mentioned reports express exclusively the opinions of their authors, and their views or findings may therefore not be attributed to the Banco de España.