



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Statement by the Banco de España**

Following the ruling by the Chamber for Criminal Matters of the Spanish National High Court today, relating to the preliminary proceedings No 59/2012, the following senior officials have stood down from their posts: Mr. Mariano Herrera García-Canturri, Director General Banking Supervision; Mr. Pedro Comín Rodríguez, Associate Director General Banking Supervision; and Mr. Pedro González González, Director of Supervision Department IV.

In their resignation letters, addressed to the Governor of the Banco de España, they express their wish to relinquish their posts so that the summons calling them to face questioning in connection with potential charges in the proceedings under way at the National High Court, relating to the stock market launch of Bankia in 2011, should not affect the performance of supervisory functions at the Banco de España.

Their resignations will be tendered to the Executive Commission at its sitting tomorrow on 14 February.