

Statement by Bundesbank President Professor Weber

- 1 Fears concerning a banking crisis in Germany are entirely without foundation. The problems of IKB are institution-specific and have been checked effectively with the assistance of the KfW.
- 2 German credit institutions' exposure in the US real estate market is manageable and limited overall. It is concentrated on assets of high credit quality.
- 3 To compare the current economic situation with the 1931 banking crisis, as some media reports have done, is completely absurd.

The global economy remains on a robust expansionary path. Growth in the Asian emerging economies is continuing at an undiminished pace. The US economy, following its somewhat weaker start to the year, has picked up momentum again, and the upswing in the euro area has proved to be robust. In Germany, too, the economic outlook continues to be positive.