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# Independent Auditor's Report

## To the Monetary Policy Council of Narodowy Bank Polski

### Report on the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements

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#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying annual financial statements of Narodowy Bank Polski ("NBP"), which comprise:

- the balance sheet as at 31 December 2020;
- the profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2020;

and

- the notes

(the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of NBP:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of NBP as at 31 December 2020 and of its financial result for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with the Act of 29 August 1997 on Narodowy Bank Polski (Journal of Laws of 2020 item 2027) (the "Act on NBP"), Resolution No. 16/2003 of the Monetary Policy Council of 16 December 2003 on the accounting principles, format of the balance sheet and the profit and loss account of Narodowy Bank Polski (NBP Official

Journal of 2020 item 15), Resolution No. 6/2019 of the Monetary Policy Council of 5 November 2019 on the principles for creating and releasing the provision against the foreign exchange rate risk of the zloty at Narodowy Bank Polski (NBP Official Journal of 2019 item 14), Resolution No. 45/2013 of the Management Board of Narodowy Bank Polski of 12 December 2013 on performing tasks in the area of accounting at Narodowy Bank Polski (with subsequent amendments) and Resolution No. 64/2020 of the Management Board of Narodowy Bank Polski of 21 December 2020 on the principles for organization of accounting in Narodowy Bank Polski (all together "the legal basis for preparation of the Narodowy Bank Polski financial statements");

- comply, in all material respects, with regard to form and content, with laws applicable to NBP;
- have been prepared, in all material respects, on the basis of properly maintained accounting records.



## Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with:

- International Standards on Auditing as adopted by the National Council of Statutory Auditors as National Standards on Auditing (the “NSA”) by the resolution no. 3430/52a/2019 dated 21 March 2019 and the resolution no. 1107/15a/2020 dated 8 September 2020; and
- the act on statutory auditors, audit firms and public oversight dated 11 May 2017 (the “Act on statutory auditors”);

## Independence and Ethics

We are independent of NBP in accordance with International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (“IESBA Code”) as adopted by the resolution of the National Council of Statutory Auditors, together with the ethical requirements that are

- other applicable laws.

Our responsibilities under those regulations are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibility for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Responsibility of the Management Board of NBP for the Financial Statements

The Management Board of NBP is responsible for the preparation, on the basis of properly maintained accounting records, of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the legal basis for the preparation of the NBP financial statements, laws applicable to NBP and for such internal control as the Management Board of NBP determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free

relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Poland and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. During our audit the key statutory auditor and the audit firm remained independent of NBP in accordance with requirements of the Act on statutory auditors.

from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Management Board of NBP is responsible for assessing the ability of NBP to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting in accordance with applicable laws, in particular Article 58 of the Act on NBP.

## Auditor’s Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors’ report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with NSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Board of NBP has conducted or will conduct the affairs of NBP.

As part of an audit in accordance with NSAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions,

The scope of audit does not include assurance on the future viability of NBP or on the efficiency or effectiveness with which the Management



misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;

- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control of NBP;
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Management Board of NBP;
- conclude on the appropriateness of the Management Board of NBP's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on NBP's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are

required to draw attention in our auditors' report on the audit of the financial statements to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report on the audit of the financial statements, including those related to Article 58 of the Act on NBP;

- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Management Board of NBP regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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On behalf of audit firm

**KPMG Audyt Spółka z ograniczoną odpowiedzialnością sp.k.**

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Warsaw, 25 March 2021