



**Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.**, (BBVA) pursuant to the provisions of the Spanish Securities Market Act, proceeds by means of the present document to notify the following

#### **RELEVANT INFORMATION**

The Board of Directors of the Bank, in the meeting held yesterday, has agreed the early retirement of MR. JOSE MALDONADO RAMOS as executive Director of the Bank and, consequently, his resignation as General Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Directors. MR. JOSE MALDONADO RAMOS will remain as non-executive Director.

The Board of Directors also agreed to appoint MR. DOMINGO ARMENGOL CALVO, former Deputy Secretary of the Board, as new General Secretary and Secretary of the Board, as well as Secretary of the Board's Executive Committee.

Madrid, December 23, 2009