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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of March 7, 2006.
Commission File Number 1-14642
ING Groep N.V.
(Translation of registrant s name into English)
Amstelveenseweg 500 1081-KL Amsterdam The Netherlands
(Address of principal executive office)
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This Report contains a copy of the following:

(1) The Press Release issued on March 7, 2006.

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ING completes unwinding of cross-shareholding with Paraeus

ING Group announced today that ING and Piraeus Bank have completed the process of unwinding their cross-shareholdings. In line with the alliance agreement between the parties, Piraeus sold all 3,350,000 certificates of ING Groep NV shares it held and the net proceeds of the sale of the ING shares have been transferred to ING.

ING Group will realise a gain on the transaction of EUR 34 million before tax and EUR 24 million after tax in the first quarter of 2006.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ING Groep N.V. (Registrant)

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By: /s/H. van Barneveld

H. van Barneveld

General Manager Corporate Control & Finance

By: /s/C. Blokbergen

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Corporate Legal, Compliance & Security Department Head Legal Department

Dated: March 7, 2006

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