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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Form 6-K

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

For July 4, 2006.

Commission File Number 1-14642

ING Groep N.V.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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THIS REPORT ON FORM 6-K SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM F-3 (FILE NO. 333-84226) OF ING GROEP N.V. AND TO BE A PART THEREOF FROM THE DATE ON WHICH THIS REPORT IS FURNISHED, TO THE EXTENT NOT SUPERSEDED BY DOCUMENTS OR REPORTS SUBSEQUENTLY FILED OR FURNISHED.

This Report contains a copy of the following:

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

(1) The Press Release issued on July 4, 2006.

Amsterdam 4 July 2006

ING signs Memorandum of Understanding with a group of suppliers for the outsourcing of workplace services

Today ING announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a group of suppliers consisting of Accenture, Atos Origin, Getronics and KPN. The MOU covers the outsourcing of workplace services of ING's banking and insurance operations in the Netherlands and Belgium. Workplace services include the installation, maintenance and support of the desktops, laptops, printers and telephones.

The final contract with the suppliers is expected to be signed at the end of 2006. The contract which will run for a five year period is expected to have total value of approximately EUR 800 million. ING expects that approximately 490 FTE's in the Netherlands and 60 FTE's in Belgium will be transferred to the suppliers.

The transaction is part of the efficiency initiatives announced at ING Group in 2005, which are expected to produce annual cost savings of approximately EUR 460 million, including EUR 230 million for the streamlining and outsourcing at the Operations & IT organisation. The programme is intended to improve the efficiency and lift ING's retail banking operations to a higher level of operational excellence. In total about 2,200 FTE's will be transferred to outsourcing partners.

The labour conditions in the MOU for employees are in line with the Social Framework Sourcing that was agreed with the Dutch labour unions as well as with the collective labour agreement that was reached with the Belgian labour unions. The transaction is pending advice from the Works Councils and the outcome of the negotiations on the detailed employment conditions with the unions.

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SIGNATURE

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)

By: /s/R. Nijsen
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Dated: July 4, 2006