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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For May 8, 2003

ING Groep N.V.
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The Netherlands

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

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This Report contains a copy of the following:

- (1) The Press Release issued on May 8, 2003.

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PRESS RELEASE

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Amsterdam, 8 May 2003

ING Group sells 80 million shares in ABN AMRO Holding N.V.

ING Group today completed the sale of 80 million ordinary shares in ABN AMRO Holding N.V. The placement of 80 million shares was priced at EUR 14.10 per share, generating gross proceeds of over EUR 1.1 billion. This transaction reduces ING's vulnerability to stock market developments. The proceeds will be used to reduce the external debt of ING Verzekeringen N.V.

As stated in the press release of this morning, ING continues to hold more than 10% of total nominal outstanding share capital as a strategic investment in ABN AMRO Holding N.V. ING has committed to a lock-up period of 90 days with respect to its remaining shares of ABN AMRO Holding N.V.

The sale of the shares was co-ordinated by ING, ABN AMRO Rothschild and JPMorgan.

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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/ H. van Barneveld

H. van Barneveld
General Manager Corporate Control
& Finance

By: /s/ D.C. van Wassenaer

D.C. van Wassenaer
General Counsel Corporate Legal,
Compliance & Security
Department

Dated: May 8, 2003

