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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 June 4, 2007

Commission File Number 1-14642

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This Report contains a copy of the following:

- (1) The Press Release issued on June 4, 2007.

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ING announces start of share buyback programme.

Further to the announcement on 16 May 2007, ING Groep NV announces the start of the EUR 5.0 billion open market share buyback programme as of today. At the current share price, this represents approximately 6,8% of the total shares outstanding.

The purpose of the share buy-back programme is to further optimise the capital structure of the Group, reduce the cost of capital and improve earnings per share, while retaining sufficient capital to fund the significant growth we have in our businesses as well as small bolt-on acquisitions and an attractive dividend.

The repurchase programme is expected to continue for 12 months. ING will provide weekly an update on the progress of the share buy back programme on www.ing.com/investorrelations.

The company intends to cancel the shares that it receives upon cancellation of the depository receipts acquired, for which it will seek shareholder approval at the next annual general meeting of shareholders in 2008.

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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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