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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 19, 2005

ING Groep N.V.
Amstelveenseweg 500
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The Netherlands

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Form 20-F

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Yes

No

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This Report contains a copy of the following:

- (1) The Press Release issued on May 19, 2005

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Amsterdam May 19, 2005

ING closes transaction to sell Life of Georgia to Jackson National Life

ING Group announced today that it has closed the transaction to sell its subsidiary Life Insurance Company of Georgia (Atlanta, USA), to Prudential PLC's subsidiary, Jackson National Life Insurance Company.

The transaction, which was announced on 18 November 2004, has received all appropriate regulatory approvals.

The transaction is expected to reduce required capital by EUR 225 million for ING Group and should improve the debt-equity ratio by 70 basis points. The estimated loss from this transaction to be recorded during the quarter end 30 June 2005, under International Financial Reporting Standards is approximately EUR 40 million after tax. In addition, there were certain transaction related charges provisioned during the quarter ended 31 December 2004 totaling EUR 18 million after tax. The loss on the transaction is less than previously anticipated.

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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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