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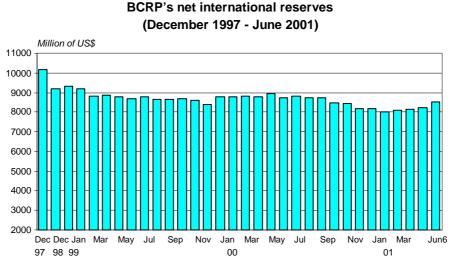
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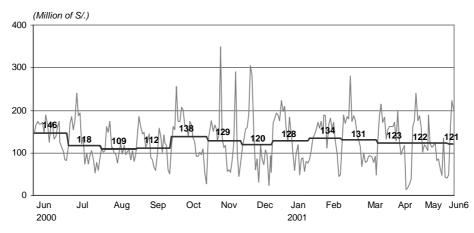
#### Net International Reserves increased US\$ 506 million

As of June 6, the net international reserves (NIR) of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru amounted to US\$ 8 512 million, up US\$ 287 million from end-May. This increase reflects the increment in public sector deposits at the Central Bank (US\$ 255 million) and financial system deposits (US\$ 72 million). These operations were partially offset by repo operations with Treasury bonds (US\$ 29 million), net interest payments (US\$ 5 million) and the redemption of swap operations (US\$ 3 million). It should be noted that the increment in public sector deposits is temporary, since it corresponds to disbursements for the external public debt service due by end-June. On the other hand, the exchange position amounted to US\$ 2 576 million, down US\$ 1 million from end-May.



Banks' current account balance at S/. 121 million

From June 1 to 6, the banks' current account was S/. 121 million on a daily average basis. The range announced by the Bank for June is S/. 125-135 million.



#### Banks' current account at the BCRP (June 2000 - June 2001)

As of June 6, the Central Bank injected liquidity through 2 one-day temporary purchases of CDBCRP by S/. 100 million and at average interest rate of 33,3 percent.

Date	Amount (Million of S/.)	Interest rate (%)
June 1	40	65,0
June 4	60	12,1

Temporary purchase of CD BCRP

On June 5 and 6, the Bank also made two auctions of these certificates by S/. 20 million and S/. 65 million, respectively. The maturity term was 20 weeks and the average interest rate 12,3 percent. The balance of these certificates came to S/. 1 690 million.

#### Temporary purchase of CDBCRP

Date	Amount (Million of S/.)	Interest rate (%)	Term (weeks)
June 5	20	12,3	20
June 6	65	12,3	20

#### Monetary operations: daily av erage (Million of S/.)

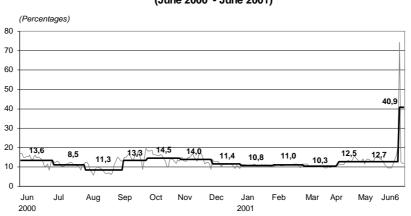
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	Banks current account balance at the end of previous day's operations	Banks' operations with Banco de la Nación		Other banking operations redemption with the Central Bank	that affect the bank's current account	of banking	Central bank operations	Current account after Central Bank operations	Interbank interest rate
	1	2	3	4	5	6=1+2+3+4+5	7	8=6+7	
March 2000	113	-31	-16	31	46	149	-32	112	13,3
April	139	-47	-73	22	32	75	65	138	14,5
Мау	127	-33	-139	21	35	16	118	129	14,0
December	120	-38	-107	41	20	42	83	120	11,4
January 2001	128	-39	-80	9	60	85	52	128	10,8
February	135	-29	-80	22	40	92	46	134	11,0
March	131	-34	-13	16	37	137	-7	131	10,3
April	104	-100	-26	50	34	48	110	122	10,9
Мау	113	-31	-16	31	46	149	-32	112	13,3
June 6	93	13	15	-28	37	153	4	121	40,9

#### Average monetary base at S/. 5 067 million

From June 1 to 6, the daily average balance of the monetary base was S/. 5 067 million, 1,5 percent lower than in May. On June 6, the monetary base amounted to S/. 5 062 million, up 1,9 percent (S/. 93 million) from end-May, reflecting lower public sector deposits at the Central Bank (S/. 120 million) and other outlays (S/. 10 million), which were partially offset by the net issuance of CDBCRP (S/. 10 million) and the redemption of swap operations (S/. 11 million).

#### Interbank interest rate in domestic currency

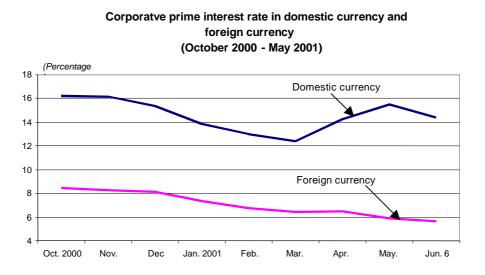
As of June 6, the interbank interest rate in domestic currency was 40,9 percent, higher than in May (12,7 percent). On June 1, the interbank rate was 74,3 percent, whereas on June 5, once the elections ended, this rate came to 11,9 percent.



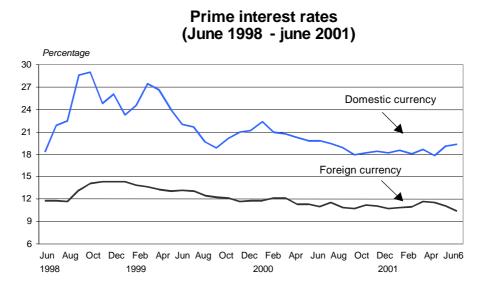
Interbank interest rate in domestic currency (June 2000 - June 2001)

#### Average lending rates in domestic and foreign currency

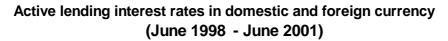
As of June 6, the corporative prime interest rate in domestic currency (for 90-day loans to low-risk clients) declined from 15,5 percent in May to 14,4 percent, following the trend of interbank interest rates On the other hand, the rate in foreign currency decreased from 5,9 percent last month to 5,7 percent.

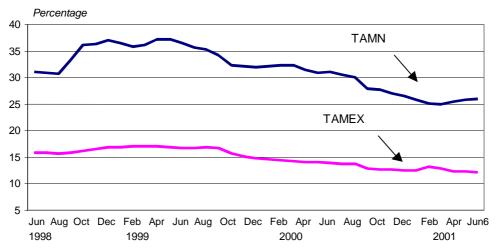


From June 1 to 5, the 90-day prime interest rate on soles-denominated loans averaged 19,3 percent, higher than in May (19,1 percent). Conversely, the rate on dollar-denominated loans passed from 11,0 to 10,4 percent.



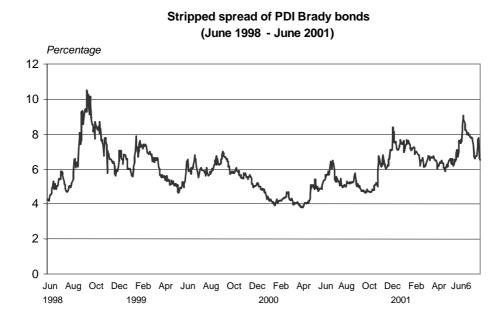
On the other hand, the average lending interest rate in domestic currency (TAMN) was 26,0 percent as of June 6, higher than last month's average (25,8 percent), while the rate in foreign currency (TAMEX) was 12,2 percent, slightly lower than in May (12,3 percent).





## Spread of PDI Brady bond at 6,5 percent

On June 6, the spread of the Peruvian Past Due Interest Brady bonds relative to the US Treasury bonds (a proxy for the country risk perceived by investors) was 6,7 percent, lower the end-May (7,6 percent). From June 1 to 6 the spread averaged 6,9 percent.



Exchange rate at S/. 3,55

On June 6, the average ask exchange rate in the banking system continued its declining trend to S/. 3,55, 1,9 percent lower than May's closing.

Overt this period, the balance of sales of foreign currency in the forward market on a daily average basis were lower than redemptions by US\$ 10 million, whereas new purchases exceeded redemptions by US\$ 3 million.

	(Mill	ion of US	\$)				
	December 2000	January 2001	February	March	April	Мау	June 1-5
i. Forward sales to the public	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-10</u>
- New sales	12	18	17	19	26	13	7
- Redemptions	12	13	18	16	19	11	17
ii. Forward purchases to the public	<u>-2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	2	<u>2</u>
- New purchases	6	15	10	11	13	13	14
- Redemptions	8	11	9	10	13	11	12
iii. Net spot purchases to the public	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>-8</u>
- Purchases	87	84	90	92	110	78	78
- Sales	87	82	80	83	97	80	86
Memo:							
Close balance as of:							
a. Forward sales to the public	653	747	704	789	990	1026	984
b. Forward purchases to the public	213	303	290	352	403	440	444
c. Net sales to the public (ab)	440	444	414	437	587	586	540
d. Banks' exchange position	630	584	599	598	573	569	562

Banks' exchange market operations to the public: Daily average
(Million of US\$)

## Gross domestic product fell 0,9 percent in April

In April, the GDP fell 0,9 percent with respect to April 2000 (when GDP grew 4 percent). Primary sectors grew 1,8 percent, reflecting the growth in fishing and based on raw material manufacturing. Non-primary sectors fell 1,5 percent as a consequence of lower activity in non-primary industry, construction, trade and services.

#### GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (Rates of growth)

	Apri	April		
	2000	2001	2000	2001
Agriculture and livestock	7,9	-5,4	5,5	-2,4
Agriculture	10, 1	-8,7	6,6	-5,7
Livestock	3,9	1,1	4,1	2,3
Fishing	-15,2	46,4	19,9	1,6
Mining and oil products	3,8	0,4	4,0	-2,6
Mining	6,0	0,5	6,2	-2,4
Oil products	-9,3	-1,2	-9,9	-4,0
Manufacturing	5,5	2,4	11,0	-2,1
Based on raw materials	-3,0	20,4	11,4	0,7
Non-primary industries	8,3	-3,0	10,9	-2,8
Construction	-8,3	-7,8	1,9	-14,5
Trade	6,2	-1,1	7,8	-1,5
Other	3,7	-0,8	4,2	-1,1
GDP	4,0	-0,9	5,7	-2,2
Primary sectors	4,1	1,8	6,5	-1,8
Non primary sectors	4,0	-1,5	5,6	-2,3

## Trade deficit declined to US\$ 36 million

In April, the trade balance recorded a deficit of US\$ 36 million, US\$ 25 million lower than in April 2000.

		TRADE (Millior	BALANC									
		Apr	il			January – April						
	2000	2001	Flow	Var. %	2000	2001	Flow	Var. %				
Trade balance	<u>- 60,5</u>	<u>- 35,6</u>	24,9	41,2	<u>- 196,0</u>	<u>- 215,9</u>	<u>- 19,9</u>	<u>- 10,2</u>				
Exports	502,1	541,1	39,0	7,8	2 152,9	2 189,1	36,2	1,7				
Traditional products	343,6	366,9	23,3	6,8	1 471,5	1 411,0	- 60,5	- 4,1				
Fishing	76,2	74,1	- 2,1	- 2,8	285,2	268,0	- 17,2	- 6,0				
Agriculture	6,7	8,7	2,1	31,0	30,3	30,9	0,5	1,7				
Mining	240,4	234,7	- 5,7	- 2,4	1 044,4	966,5	- 78,0	- 7,5				
Petroleum and derivatives	20,3	49,4	29,1	143,4	111,6	145,7	34,1	30,6				
Non-traditional products	151,5	165,1	13,6	9,0	641,8	702,8	61,1	9,5				
Agriculture	24,1	25,9	1,9	7,8	127,2	127,6	0,4	0,3				
Textile	57,0	55,1	- 2,0	- 3,5	219,9	232,8	12,9	5,9				
Fishing	12,2	15,7	3,5	28,5	60,4	72,4	12,0	19,9				
Fabricated metal products	8,5	8,0	- 0,4	- 5,2	24,1	32,1	7,9	32,9				
Chemical	16,2	20,0	3,8	23,4	68,0	81,2	13,2	19,4				
Based metal industries	14,2	19,6	5,4	37,7	70,0	74,5	4,4	6,3				
Non-metal	3,8	6,3	2,6	68,2	13,4	19,8	6,4	47,7				
Others	15,5	14,5	- 1,0	- 6,6	58,6	62,5	3,9	6,6				
Others	7,1	9,1	2,1	29,1	39,6	75,3	35,7	89,9				
Imports	562,6	576,7	14,1	2,5	2 348,9	2 405,0	56,1	2,4				
Consumer goods	114,6	130,4	15,8	13,8	446,8	491,1	44,3	9,9				
Inputs	281,7	296,1	14,4	5,1	1 113,7	1 182,0	68,3	6,1				
Capital goods	155,4	145,9	- 9,6	- 6,2	717,3	701,9	- 15,4	- 2,1				
Others	10,9	4,4	- 6,4	- 59,2	71,2	30,0	- 41,2	- 57,8				

**Exports** totaled US\$ 541 million, up US\$ 39 million (7,8 percent) from a year ago, reflecting the increase in traditional exports (US\$ 23 million or 6,8 percent) and non-traditional exports (US\$ 14 million or 9,0 percent). The most dynamic non-traditional exports were non-metal products (68,2 percent), fabricated metal products (37,7 percent), fishing products (28,5 percent) and chemical products (23,4 percent). Within

traditional products. The increase in fishing and oil and derivatives exports (31,0 percent) should be noted.

**Imports** totaled US\$ 577 million, US\$ 14 million (2,5 percent) higher than April 2000 and mainly explained by higher acquisitions of consumer goods (US\$ 16 million or 13,8 percent) and intermediate goods (US\$ 14 million or 5,1 percent) partially offset by lower imports of capital goods in US\$ 10 million (6,2 percent).

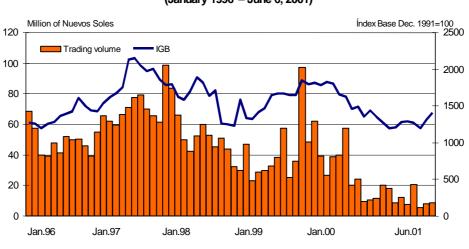
## Monetary accounts: May 22

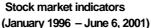
From April 22 to May 22, liquidity in domestic currency rose 1,9 percent (S/. 262 million) to S/. 14 304 million. In annual terms, this aggregate grew 8,8 percent. On the other hand, credit to the private sector in domestic currency decreased 0,8 percent (S/. 75 million) to S/. 8 988 million. Last 12 months growth for this variable was 4,6 percent.

Liquidity in foreign currency fell 0,1 percent (US\$ 12 million) to US\$ 9 498 million. On the other hand, credit to the private sector (US\$ 11 518 million) increased 0,3 percent in the last 4 weeks, but decreased 0,5 percent in annual terms.

## General Index increases 7,4 percent

As of June 6, the Lima Stock Exchange increased with respect to end-May by 7,4 percent in the General Index and 6,7 percent in the Blue Chip Index. In the year, these indices have increased 16,6 percent and 16,2 percent, respectively.





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BCRP - Indicadores Eco	onómicos / Economic Indicators													
		2000 DIC.	FEB.	MAP	ABR.	10.1.6-	31 3.0-	2001 MAY	1 Jun.	4 Jun	5 Jun.	6 Jun	JUN.	
RESERVAS INTERNACION?	ALES (Mills: US\$) / INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (Mills: of US\$)	DICS	FED.	MAR.	ADR.	50 May	51 D.489	Var	1 Jun.	4 /un	5 Jun.	0.100	Var.	
Posición de cambio / Net inte		2 624	2 637	2.632	2 597	2 564	2 577	-20	2 5 7 7	2 577	2 5 7 8	2 576		
	ns / Net international reserves	8 180	1.7.1.7.1	1.2.007		8 182	8 226	- 99	8 4 1 4	8 727	8 732		28	
	iero en el BCRP / Financial system deposits at BCRP	2 952	1.77.4.70			3 067	2 958	23	3 190	3 257	3 243	3 031	7	
Empresas bancarias / Bani Banco de la Nación / Ban		2 762	C = 0.000			2 946 93	2 833 97	49 -26	3.066	3 132 97	3 117 97	2 906 96		
Sector privado / Private si		22	11 1991 1991	24		28	28	1	28	28	28	29		
Depósitos del sector público	en el BCRP / Public sector deporits at BCRP	2 6 9 4	I = 01000			2.612	2 758	110	2 771	3 015	3 0 1 4	3 0 1 0		
<ul> <li>Depósitos de privatización</li> <li>Otros depósitos / Other *</li> </ul>	n	2 535	P. S. C. C. S. S.	180		185	188 2.423	188 2 570	3 107	188 2582	188 2 826	191 2 822	193	24
	BCRP (Mill USS) / BCRP FOREIGN OPERATIONS (Millions USS)	Acum.	Acum.	2 469 Acum	Acum.	£ 460	2070	Acum.	4 20 k	± 0±0	\$ 0,6.5	6.01/	Acum	
	primaria / External origin of the monetary base	21	-veum. +1	0	-57	-12	3	-29	-3	0	0	0		
	egociación / Over-the-counter net purchases of foreign currency	0	0	0	-27	-12	0	-32	0	0	0	0	1	
Operaciones swaps netas / Ne		1	0	0	0	0	3	3	-3	0	0	0	3	
Operaciones con el Sector P		20	0	0	-30	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
TIPO DE CAMBIO (S/ por US		Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	2 ( 17	1.035	Prom.	2.627	2.542	3.553		Prom	
Compra interbancario/Interbo	Apertura / Opening	3,519				3,617	3,625	3,601	3,627 3,650	3,562	3,552	3,549		
Venta Interbancario	Mediodia / Midday	3,521	1.5 (20) 27		1.000	10000		3,603	3,636		3,554		1.000.00	
Interbank Ask	Cierre / Close	3,520				3,624	3,633		3,625		3,556	3,543		
Sistema bancario	Promedio / Average Compra / Bid	3,520				3,619		3,602	3,636	3,566	3,554	3,551		
Sistema bancario Banking System	Venta / Ask	3,518	1.0000.000		3,560			3,598	3,625 3,631	3,505	3,551 3,559	3,550		
	1 (1994 = 100) / Real exhange rate Index (1994 = 100)	105,2				1		105,4					11/10/10	
INDICADORES MONETARIA	OS / MONETARY INDICATORS													
Moneda nacional / Domestic	currency													
Emisión Primaria Monetary base	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	14.6		0,1			-4,1	-4.1						
Oferta monetaria	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change) (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	-4,0				S 91	-40,1	-0,1						
Money Supply	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	3,5	1.1											
Crédito sector privado	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	1,0	12 11 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 1	0,8										
Crédit to the private secto TOSE calda promotio (Uni	r [(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change) r.% mensual) / TOSE average balance (% monthly change)	2,3	0,8	2.2		2,2	1.9	1.9	-0,6	-0,3	-3,0	0.2	Ð	
	dio (% respecto al TOSE) / Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	1.3					0.5	0,5	-0.6	-0.2	0.1	0.2		
	acos (saldo mill. S/.)/Banks' current account (balance mills. of S/.)	120		131	123	44	41	122	49	152	222	204		
	metaria (millones de S/.) / Rediscounts (Millions of S/.)	0	12 21213	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	n el BCRP (saldo Mill, S/ )Public sector deposits of the BCRP (Balance mil BCRP (saldo Mill, S/.) / CDBCRP balance (Millions of S/.)	x 319 1 360				613 1 635	589 1665	589 1 665	562 1665	549 1 605	466	469		
	DBCRP (saldo Mill. S.) CDBCRP report (Balance millions of S.)	1.500	1	30	1.	0.055	0	0	40	60	0	1050		
	TAMN / Average	26,5	1	1.	4 200000	26,0	26,0	25,8	26,0	26,1	25,9	25,8		
The state of the second second	Interbancaria / Interbank	11,4	1 10 2 2 1	100000		15,6	20,9	12,7	74,3	12,9	12,0	11.9		
Tasa de interés (%) Interest rates (%)	Preferencial para descuento 90 días / Prime rate (90 days) Operaciones de reporte con CDBCRP / CDBCRP repos	18.2 s.m.	18,1	18,6	17.9	19.7 s.m.	18,7 s.m.	19.1 s.m.	21,2	21.1 12.1	10.2 s.m.	16,6 s.m.	19,	
	Créditos por regulación monetaria / Redircounts	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.		s.m.	s.m.	5. <b>m</b> .	s.m.	5.m.	s.m.	5.111.		
	Del saldo de CDBCRP / CDBCRP balance	13.5	13,9	12,6	12.6	12,6	12.7	12,7	12,7	12,7	12,6	12,6		
Moneda extranjera / forvign Crédito sector privado	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	1.2	0.9	0.8	0,6	2								
Crédit to the private secto		-2.3		0.2										
TOSE saldo promedio (Var	r.% mensual) / TOSE average balance (% monthly change)	1.9	0,4	0,6	1,2	-0,1	-0,2	-0,2	-0,4	-0,8	-0,1	-0,4	í l	
	dio (% respecto al TOSE) / Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0,2		0,1		0,2	0,1	0,1	2.9	3,1	2,8	2,6	4	
Creditos por regulación mo	metaria (millones de US dólares) / Rediscounts (millions of US8) TAMEX / Average	0	14	12.9		12,2	12.1	12,3	12.2	12.2	12.2	0		
Tasa de interés (%)	Interbancaria / Interbank	8,4					5.4	5,9	5.3	5,1	5,2	5,2		
Interest rates (%)	Preferencial para descuento 90 días / Prime rate (90 days)	10,7				9,9	10,7	11,0	10,3	9,7	10,2	11,6	10,	
	Créditos por regulación monetaria / Rediscounts	s.m.	8,5	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	5. <b>m</b> .	s.m.	5.M.	s.m.	5.M.		
	S / STOCK MARKET INDICES	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.			Acum.					Acum	
	96) / General Index (% change)	0,7	0,9				-0,1	9,6	1,3	3,7	3,0	-0.7		
Monto negociado en acciones	rr. %) / Bine Chip Index (% change) s (Mill. S.) - Prom. diario	-0,6					0,1	8,8	1.4	3,6	2,7	-1,0 12.8		
INFLACIÓN (%) / INFLATIO			1.00	-	214	1010	1110	1.0	100.00	1.48		1.200		
Inflación mensual / Monthly		0,15	0,25	0,51	-0,42	8	1	0,02						
Inflación últimos 12 meses / 4	% 12 months change	3,73	3,61	3,58	2,62	ė –		2,63						
	S()/ CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (Mills. Of S.)					8								
Resultado primario / Primary		-662				8								
Ingresos corrientes / Current Gastos no financieros / Non-f		2 999		2 041										
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Balanza Comercial / Trade bolance		23	-92	-54	-36	Ľ.								
Exportaciones / Exports		627	550	543	541									
		604	643	597	577	3								
Importaciones / Imports						10								
Importaciones / Imports PRODUCTO BRUTO INTERNO	(Indice 1994=100) / GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (1994=100)		1.140											
Importaciones / Imports PRODUCTO BRUTO INTERNO Variac %, respecto al mismo m	es del año anterior / Annual rate of growth	-1,8	1.0.0	1.2023		-	1							
Importaciones / Imports PRODUCTO BRUTO INTERNO Variac. %, respecto al mismo m COTIZACIONES INTERNAC	es del año anterior / Annual rate of growth IONALES / INTERNATIONAL QUOTATIONS	Prom.	Prom.	Prom	Prom.	-		Prom.						
Importaciones / Imports PRODUCTO BRUTO INTERNO Varia: % respecto al mismo m COTIZACIONES INTERNAC LIBOR a tres meses (%) / LH	ies del año anterior / Ammol rate of growth TONALES / INTERNATIONAL QUOTATIONS BOR 3-month (%)	Prom. 6,5	Prom. 5,3	Prom. 5,0	Prom. 4,6	4,0	4,0	4,1	3,9	3,9	3,9	3,9	3,5	
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## Monetary Program for 2001- Information Note: June 2001

# The BCRP reduces its reference interest rate from 11,0 to 10,5 percent and rises the benchmark for monetary operations in 4 percent

- 1. The revision of the forecast elaborated for the assessment of the Multiannual Macroeconomic Framework of the Ministry of Finance underlines that the **target** for the annual inflation in 2001 will be within the range announced in the Monetary Program for that year (2,5-3,5 percent). As a consequence, the **intermediate target**, which indicates an increase in the monetary base of 3,0 to 5,0 percent has been maintained. These previsions consider an increment of real GDP of 1,5 percent (2,5 percent in the Monetary Program) and Nominal GDP of 4,6 percent (6,1 percent in the Monetary Program). It is estimated that the **operative target** (the average daily balance of the current accounts held by banks at the Central Bank to be taken as benchmark) will be reached. The benchmark announced for the year 2001 is S/. 130-S/. 145 million. From January to May, the average balance was S/. 128 million.
- 2. For the month of June, the Board increased 4 percent the range referred to in the previous paragraph to S/. 125 S/. 135 million as a daily average. In May, the said balance was S/. 122 million, which fell within the announced range (S/. 120 S/. 130 million).
- 3. The Central Bank Board of Directors also established that the following interest and commission rates would be used in domestic-currency Central Bank operations since June 7:
  - a. For monetary regulation credits in domestic currency, the effective interest rate would be **the average of the top-decile interbank interest rates, or 10,5 percent, whichever is highest**. This rate implied a reduction with respect to the rate effective since April 6 (11,0 percent).
  - b. For overnight deposits in domestic currency held by banks at the Central Bank, the effective interest rate will be **4,0 percent**. This rate is effective since March 2.
  - c. For foreign exchange temporary purchase operations (swap operations), the commission will be 0,0171 percent, equivalent to an effective **10,5 percent** annual cost. This cost is lower than that effective since April 6 (11,0 percent).
  - 4. The following interest rates will be used in foreign-currency operations:
    - a. The effective annual rate for monetary regulation credits will be **7,0 percent**. This rate implied a reduction with respect to the rate effective since May 4 (7,5 percent), which is consistent with the evolution of the international interest rates along the year.
    - b. For overnight deposits held by banks at the Central Bank, the rate is equivalent to the average obtained by the Central Bank for similar deposits abroad.
  - 5. If justified by financial conditions, the values mentioned above could be modified in order to ensure the attainment of the objective to preserve monetary stability.