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## Net International Reserves increased US\$ 128 million

As of August 7, the net international reserves (NIR) of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru amounted to US\$ 8828 million, up US\$ 128 million from end-July. The increase is due to higher deposits of the financial system (US\$ 127 million) and public sector (US\$ 2 million) at the Central Bank, as well as valuation changes (US\$ 1), which were partially offset by net interest payments (US\$ 1 million) and net sales of foreign currency (US\$ 1 million). The foreign exchange position amounted to US\$ 2603 million, up US\$ 1 million from end-July.

BCRP net international reserves
(December 1997 - August 2001)


Banks' current account balance at S/. 149 million
As of August 7, the banks' current account held at the Central Bank was S/. 149 million on a daily average basis. For the current month, the range announced by the Bank for the operating target is $\mathrm{S} / .130-140$ million.

Monetary operations: daily average
(Million of S/.)

|  | Banks'current account balance at the end of previous day's operations | Banks' operations with Banco de la Nación | Redemption of CDBCRP | Other banking operations redemption with the Central Bank | Cash transfers that affect the bank's current account balance | Current account of banking system before Central Bank operations | Central bank operations | Current account after Central Bank operations | Interbank interest rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  | 7 |  |  |
| June 2000 | 149 | -18 | 16 | -21 | 35 | 162 | -16 | 146 | 13,6 |
| July | 117 | -48 | 26 | -152 | 20 | -31 | 155 | 118 | 11,3 |
| December | 120 | -38 | 41 | -107 | 20 | 38 | 83 | 120 | 11,4 |
| January 2001 | 128 | -41 | 10 | -84 | 58 | 77 | 58 | 128 | 10,8 |
| February | 135 | -27 | 27 | -30 | 38 | 157 | -9 | 134 | 11,0 |
| March | 131 | -34 | 16 | -13 | 37 | 137 | -7 | 131 | 10,3 |
| April | 124 | -73 | 16 | -353 | 40 | -243 | 368 | 123 | 12,5 |
| May | 122 | -28 | 14 | -157 | 48 | -2 | 125 | 122 | 12,7 |
| June |  | -34 | 18 | -50 | 37 |  | 29 |  | 16,0 |
| July |  | -30 | 31 | -20 | 25 |  | -6 |  | 8,4 |

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


From August 1 to 7, the Central Bank made 5 auctions of CDBCRPs amounting to S/. 285 million, at an average interest rate of 10,4 percent. As of August 7, the balance of CDBCRPs amounted to S/. 1800 million.

Issuances of CDBCRP

| Date | Amount <br> (Million of S/.) | Term | Interest rate <br> $(\%)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| August 1 | 25 | 1 year | 11,2 |
| August 2 | 95 | 18 weeks | 10,4 |
| August 3 | 20 | 1 year | 10,8 |
| August 6 | 75 | 20 weeks | 10,1 |
| August 7 | 70 | 6 months | 10,2 |

## Average monetary base at S/. 5420 million

As of August 7, the daily average balance of the monetary base was $\mathrm{S} / .5420$ million, 1,9 percent higher than in July. On August 7, the monetary base amounted to S/. 5319 million, down 3,5 percent ( $\mathrm{S} / .191$ million) from end-July, reflecting the issuance of CDBCRP (S/. 285 million) and higher public sector deposits at the Central Bank (S/. 7 million), which were partially offset by the withdrawal of overnight deposits (S/. 86 million) and net interest payments (S/. 15 million).

## Interbank interest rate in domestic currency decreased

From August 1 to 7, the interbank interest rate in domestic currency was 6,4 percent, lower than in July ( 8,4 percent).

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


Average lending rates in domestic and foreign currency decreased
The corporative prime interest rate in domestic currency (on 90-day loans to low-risk clients) declined from 12,1 percent in July to 11,2 percent as of August 7. The rate in foreign currency also decreased from 5,0 percent last month to 4,8 percent.

Corporativa prime interest rate in domestic and foreign currency
(October 2000 - August 2001)


The 90 -day prime interest rate on soles-denominated loans averaged 17,8 percent, lower than the July average ( 18,1 percent). On the other hand, the rate on dollar-denominated loans decreased slightly from 10,6 to 10,5 percent.

Prime interest rates
(February 1999-August 2001)


The average lending interest rate in domestic currency (TAMN) was 26,7 percent, slightly higher than last month's average ( 26,6 percent). Over that period, the rate in foreign currency (TAMEX) passed from 12,4 percent to 12,3 percent.

Active lending interest rates in domestic and foreing currency (February 1999-August 2001)


## Peru's bonds spread at 6,2 percent

As of August 7, the spread between the yield of Peruvian bonds and the interest rate on US Treasury bills (a proxy for the country risk perceived by investors) was 6,2 percent, lower than in July ( 6,4 percent). Conversely, the average for Latin American bonds rose from 9,5 percent in July to 10,1 percent as of August 7 .

Peru's bonds spread (February 1999-August 2001)


Exchange rate at S/. 3,50
As of August 7, the ask exchange rate in the banking system decreased 0,37 percent relative to end-July. At the beginning of the week the exchange rate rose $S / .3,50$ as a result of negative expectations associated with the Argentine crisis. Thereafter, the exchange rate remained steady.

Over that period, the balance of foreign currency sales in the forward market on a daily average basis were lower than redemptions by US\$ 1 million, whereas new purchases exceeded redemptions by US $\$ 7$ million. In the spot market, net average purchases to the public amounted to US\$ 12 million. The covered banking exchange position rose US\$ 24 million from July 31 to August 7.

| (Million of US\$) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| i. Forward sales to the public | $\underline{\mathbf{0}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{7}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{- 2}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{4}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{- 1}}$ |
| - New sales | 12 | 28 | 13 | 16 | 19 | 6 |
| - Redemptions | 12 | 19 | 11 | 18 | 14 | 7 |
| - New purchases | 6 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 10 | 22 |
| - Redemptions | 8 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 15 |
| - Purchases | 87 | 110 | 78 | 84 | 80 | 68 |
| - Sales | 87 | 97 | 80 | 78 | 77 | 80 |
| Memo: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Close balance as of: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Forward purchases to the public | 213 | 403 | 440 | 470 | 523 | 567 |
| c. Net sales to the public (a-b) | 440 | 590 | 586 | 509 | 599 | 556 |

In June, gross domestic product (GDP) fell 2,3 percent compared with the same month of the previous year (when it increased 4,7 percent). In the first half of the year, GDP dropped 1,7 percent. In June, primary sectors declined 2,9 percent, reflecting the fall in agriculture \& livestock, fishing and industries based on raw material. Non-primary sectors fell 2,1 percent due to lower activity in the construction sector, despite the slight recovery in non-primary industries.

| GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (Rates of growth) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June |  | January - June |  |
|  | 2000 | 2001 | 2000 | 2001 |
| Agriculture and livestock | 8,0 | -1,4 | 6,2 | -2,1 |
| Agriculture | 9,0 | -3,2 | 7,5 | -4,8 |
| Livestock | 6,3 | 2,6 | 4,3 | 2,5 |
| Fishing | 38,5 | -29,6 | 20,9 | -1,2 |
| Mining and oil products | -3,6 | 5,6 | 3,0 | -0,1 |
| Mining | -3,5 | 7,6 | 4,3 | 0,4 |
| Oil products | -5,9 | -10,5 | -8,2 | -3,9 |
| Manufacturing | 9,0 | -3,2 | 11,2 | -1,8 |
| Based on raw materials | 22,1 | -13,0 | 13,8 | -0,8 |
| Non-primary industries | 4,9 | 0,4 | 10,4 | -2,1 |
| Construction | -3,2 | -12,4 | 1,9 | -11,2 |
| Trade | 7,6 | -3,9 | 7,5 | -1,1 |
| Other | 3,1 | -1,1 | 3,7 | -0,9 |
| GDP | 4,7 | -2,3 | 5,5 | $\underline{-1,7}$ |
| Primary sectors | 8,1 | -2,9 | 7,1 | -1,3 |
| Non primary sectors | 3,8 | -2,1 | 5,1 | -1,8 |

## Trade balance recorded a surplus of US\$ 87 million in June

In June, the trade balance recorded a surplus of US\$ 87 million, up US\$ 97 million from June 2000. In the period January-June the trade deficit amounted to US\$ 201 million, US\$ 89 million lower than in the same period of the previous year.

In June, exports totaled US\$ 607 million, down US $\$ 22$ million ( -4 percent) from the previous year due to the contraction in non-traditional exports ( -9 percent), partially offset by higher traditional exports ( 2 percent). Imports amounted US\$ 521 million, US\$ 119 million lower than in June 2000, reflecting lower acquisitions of capital and intermediate goods (-26 and -20 percent, respectively).

|  | June |  |  | January - June |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2000 | 2001 | Var. \% | 2000 | 2001 | Var. \% |
| Trade balance | -10,5 | 86,5 | 923,5 | -290,2 | -201,4 | 30,6 |
| Exports | 629,3 | 607,3 | - 3,5 | 3 332,2 | 3 381,9 | 1,5 |
| Traditional products | 440,7 | 447,5 | 1,5 | 2 294,8 | 2 258,5 | - 1,6 |
| Mining | 102,1 | 152,5 | 49,4 | 472,0 | 533,0 | 12,9 |
| Petroleum and derivatives | 27,9 | 15,4 | - 44,9 | 79,1 | 59,4 | - 24,9 |
| Agriculture | 274,7 | 237,2 | - 13,6 | 1557,3 | 1452,2 | - 6,7 |
| Fishing | 36,0 | 42,4 | 17,8 | 186,4 | 213,8 | 14,7 |
| Non-traditional products | 170,1 | 154,4 | - 9,2 | 967,7 | 1035,3 | 7,0 |
| Agriculture | 25,8 | 24,3 | - 5,9 | 177,8 | 180,8 | 1,7 |
| Textile | 62,9 | 55,1 | - 12,5 | 336,0 | 344,0 | 2,4 |
| Fishing | 12,4 | 14,7 | 18,3 | 85,2 | 107,4 | 26,0 |
| Fabricated metal products | 11,8 | 7,9 | - 32,7 | 45,4 | 53,9 | 18,9 |
| Chemical | 19,4 | 18,1 | - 7,1 | 104,1 | 120,8 | 16,1 |
| Based metal industries | 16,3 | 15,1 | - 7,7 | 105,2 | 105,1 | - 0,1 |
| Non-metal | 3,4 | 4,2 | 23,5 | 20,6 | 26,7 | 29,7 |
| Others | 18,1 | 15,2 | - 16,0 | 93,5 | 96,7 | 3,4 |
| Others | 18,5 | 5,5 | - 70,5 | 69,7 | 88,1 | 26,4 |
| Imports | 639,8 | 520,8 | - 18,6 | 3622,4 | 3 583,3 | - 1,1 |
| Consumer goods | 111,1 | 113,4 | 2,1 | 682,0 | 736,2 | 7,9 |
| Inputs | 321,2 | 258,1 | - 19,7 | 1741,3 | 1782,3 | 2,4 |
| Capital goods | 196,2 | 145,2 | - 26,0 | 1107,0 | 1017,4 | - 8,1 |
| Others | 11,3 | 4,1 | - 63,3 | 92,1 | 47,5 | - 48,5 |

## Central government operations: June 2001

In June, the central government recorded an overall deficit of S/. 910 million, S/. 128 million lower than in June 2000 ( $\mathrm{S} / .1038$ million). In the period January-June, the overall deficit amounted to S/. 1554 million (1,6 percent of GDP), down S/. 949 million from the same period in 2000 ( 2,6 percent of GDP). The decrease is explained by the reduction in non-financial expenditures ( 10 percent in real terms), which offset lower tax revenues ( $-3,5$ percent in real terms).

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
(Million of $\mathrm{S} /$. )

|  | n of S/ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June |  |  | January - June |  |  |
|  | 2000 | 2001 | Real \% change | 2000 | 2001 | Real \% change |
| 1. CURRENT REVENUE | 2098 | 2076 | - 3,5 | 13666 | 13597 | - 3,5 |
| 2. NON FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE | 2472 | 2354 | - 7,1 | 14374 | 13272 | - 10,4 |
| a. Current | 1945 | 1892 | -5,1 | 11706 | 11352 | -6,0 |
| b. Capital | 526 | 462 | - 14,3 | 2668 | 1920 | - 30,2 |
| 3. OTHER OPERATIONS | 113 | 51 | - 55,6 | 269 | 134 | - 51,5 |
| 4. INTERESTS | -261 | -227 |  | -439 | 459 |  |
| 5. TRANSFERS OF STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES | 777 | 683 | - 14,3 | 2063 | 2013 | -5,3 |
| 6. OVERALL BALANCE $(1+2++3+4+5)$ | $\underline{-1038}$ | -910 |  | -2 503 | -1554 |  |
|  |  |  |  | -2,6 | -1,6 |  |
| 7. NET FINANCING <br> a. External | 2098 | 2076 | - 3,5 | 13666 | 13597 | - 3,5 |
| b. Privatization | 2472 | 2354 | -7,1 | 14374 | 13272 | - 10,4 |
| c. Domestic | 1945 | 1892 | -5,1 | 11706 | 11352 | -6,0 |

The overall deficit in June was funded mainly with external resources amounting to S/ . 647 million (or US\$ 183 million as a result of the difference between disbursements -US\$ 284 million- and amortization -US\$ 101 million), withdrawal of deposits (S/. 253 million) and privatization revenues amounting to S/. 10 million (US\$ 3,7 million).

## Monetary accounts: July 22

From June 22 to July 22, liquidity in domestic currency increased 3,9 percent (S/. 555 million) to S/. 14654 million. In annual terms, this aggregate increased 4,4 percent. On the other hand, credit to the private sector in domestic currency decreased 0,2 percent (S/. 20 million) to S/. 8951 million. Growth in the last 12 months for this variable was 6,3 percent.

Liquidity in foreign currency increased 0,7 percent (US\$ 64 million) to US\$ 9713 million. The annual increase for this variable was 1,1 percent. Short-term external liabilities amounted to US\$ 1730 million, up US\$ 224 million (14,9 percent) from endJuly. These higher resources were paired with an increment in foreign exchange deposits at the Central Bank by US\$ 304 million. Credit to the private sector (US\$ 11433 million) decreased 0,3 percent (US\$ 40 million) in the last 4 weeks and in a similar amount in annual terms.

## General Index increases 1,6 percent

As of August 7, the Lima Stock Exchange increased relative to end-July by 1,6 percent in the General Index and 1,4 percent in the Blue Chip Index. In the year, these indices have increased 12,0 percent and 7,9 percent, respectively.

Stcok market indicators
(January 1996 - August 2001)


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