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## Net International Reserves at US\$ 8989 million

As of December 4, the net international reserves (NIR) of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru amounted to US\$ 8989 million, up US\$ 221 million from end-November and US\$ 809 million from end-2000. The increase of NIR during December obeys to higher financial system deposits (US\$ 217 million) and net purchases of foreign currency (US\$ 12 million), which were partially offset by the withdrawal of public sector deposits (US\$ 4 million), net interest payments (US\$ 2 million) and valuation changes (US\$ 2 million). On the other hand, the foreign exchange position amounted to US\$ 2828 million, up US\$ 10 million from end-November.

As of November 30, the net international reserves (NIR) of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru amounted to US\$ 8768 million, down US\$ 27 million from end-October. The decrease of NIR during November is due to lower financial system deposits (US\$ 66 million), the withdrawal of public sector deposits (US\$ 47 million), lower Insurance Deposit Fund deposits (US\$ 2 million), investment yields and other operations (US\$ 2 million), which were partially offset by net purchases of foreign currency (US\$ 90 million). On the other hand, the foreign exchange position amounted to US\$ 2828 million, up US\$ 98 million from end-October and mainly explained by purchases of foreign currency through the Over-the-Counter.

BCRP net international reserves (November 2000 - December 2001)


## Banks' current account balance at S/. 154 million

As of December 4, the banks' current account held at the Central Bank was S/. 154 million on a daily average basis. In November, the banks' current account was S/. 146 million, slightly higher than the range announced by the Bank for this variable (S/. 135145 million.)

From November 28 to December 4, the Central Bank issued CDBCRP by S/. 140 million with at an average interest rate of 4,5 percent. On the other hand, on November 30 the Bank made direct purchases of CDBCRP by S/. 37,3 million. On December 3 and 4 , the BCRP auctioned CDBCRP and Treasury bonds (S/. 75 and S/. 30 million, respectively) at an average interest rate of 3,3 percent.

The Central Bank also made purchases of foreign currency by US\$ 4 million on November 28 and US\$ 12 million on December 3.

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 |  |  |
| November 2000 |  | -33 | 21 | -139 | 35 |  | 118 |  | 14,0 |
| December |  | -38 | 41 | -107 | 20 |  | 83 |  | 11,4 |
| January 2001 |  | -41 | 10 | -84 | 58 |  | 58 |  | 10,8 |
| February |  | -27 | 27 | -30 | 38 |  | -9 |  | 11,0 |
| March |  | -34 | 16 | -13 | 37 |  | -7 |  | 10,3 |
| April |  | -73 | 16 | -353 | 40 |  | 368 |  | 12,5 |
| May |  | -28 | 14 | -157 | 48 |  | 125 |  | 12,7 |
| June |  | -34 | 18 | -50 | 37 |  | 29 |  | 16,0 |
| July |  | -30 | 31 | -20 | 25 |  | -6 |  | 8,4 |
| August |  | -32 | 5 | 23 | 50 |  | -44 |  | 5,7 |
| September |  | -39 | 14 | -31 | 36 |  | 18 |  | 5,8 |
| October |  | -44 | 16 | -84 | 31 |  | 84 |  | 4,5 |
| November |  | -52 | 14 | -10 | 47 |  | 1 |  | 3,5 |
| December 1-4 |  | 32 | 0 | -31 | 44 |  | 13 |  | 3,3 |

## Cuenta Corriente de la Banca en el BCRP

(November 2000 - December 2001)


## Average monetary base at S/. 5297 million

In November, the daily average balance of the monetary base was S/. 5297 million, up 3,3 percent from October and 6,3 percent from November 2000. On November 30, the monetary base amounted to $\mathrm{S} / .5319$ million, down 0,8 percent ( $\mathrm{S} / .43$ million) from end-October. The operations that explained the lower monetary base were higher public sector (S/. 163 million) and Insurance Deposit Fund deposits (S/. 5 million) as well as the net issuance of CDBCRP (S/. 220 million), which were partially offset by purchases of foreign currency ( $\mathrm{S} / .311$ million) and other outlays ( $\mathrm{S} / .33$ million).

## Interest rates decrease

In November, the interbank interest rate in domestic currency decreased to 3,5 percent from 4,5 percent in October, whereas the corporate prime interest rate declined from 8,0 percent in October to 6,3 percent. In the same period, the average lending interest rate in domestic currency fell from 23,5 to 22,7 percent. As of December 4, these rates were 3,3,5,6 and 22,8 percent, respectively.

Interbank interest rate in domestic currency
(November 2000 - December 2001)


In foreign currency, the interbank rate passed from 3,4 percent in October to 2,7 percent in November. The corporate prime interest rate in foreign currency declined from 3,7 percent to 3,2 percent. In the same period, the average lending interest rate in foreign currency also declined from 11,9 to 11,7 percent. As of December 4, the corporate prime and the average lending interest rates were 3,2 and 10,9 percent, respectively.

Interbank interest rate in foreign currency
(November 2000 - December 2001)


Active lending interest rates in domestic and foreign currency (November 2000 - December 2001)


## Peru's bonds spread at 5,6 percent

As of December 4, 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 5,6 percent, lower than in November ( 5,8 percent) and October ( 6,7 percent). On the other hand, the average spread of Latin-American bonds increased from 11,5 percent in October to 12,3 percent as of November 30.

Spread of sovereign bonds
(November 2000 - December 2001)


## Inflation November 2001: -0,49 percent

In November, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) decreased 0,49 percent, whereas 12 month inflation was 0,12 percent. In November, non tradable product prices decreased 0,8 percent, whereas tradable product prices remained steady. Underlying inflation was $-0,1$ percent in November and 0,9 percent in the last 12 months.

INFLATION
(Percentage changes)

|  | 2000 |  |  |  | 2001 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | 12 month | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | 12 month |
| GENERAL INDEX | $\underline{0,56}$ | $\underline{0,23}$ | $\underline{\underline{0,06}}$ | 4,02 | $\underline{0,06}$ | $\underline{0,04}$ | $\underline{-0,49}$ | $\underline{0,12}$ |
| TRADABLE PRODUCTS | 0,37 | 0,47 | 0,80 | 4,34 | -0,07 | $\underline{-0,16}$ | 0,02 | -0,21 |
| Food | -0,2 | -0,1 | -0,1 | 0,2 | 0,1 | 0,1 | 0,1 | -1,1 |
| Textile \& footwear | 0,1 | 0,2 | 0,2 | 2,5 | 0,1 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 2,0 |
| Fuel | 3,8 | 4,2 | 6,1 | 28,3 | -1,0 | -2,3 | -1,9 | -8,6 |
| Electrical appliances | 0,3 | 0,4 | 0,6 | 1,5 | 0,1 | -0,3 | -0,5 | 0,2 |
| Others | 0,3 | 0,3 | 0,7 | 4,8 | -0,1 | 0,2 | 0,6 | 2,6 |
| NON-TRADABLE PRODUCTS | 0,68 | 0,08 | -0,45 | 3,82 | 0,16 | 0,16 | -0,85 | 0,34 |
| Food | 1,2 | -0,4 | -2,8 | 1,0 | 0,5 | 0,7 | -2,0 | -1,2 |
| Services | 0,4 | 0,3 | 0,6 | 5,1 | 0,0 | -0,1 | -0,4 | 1,0 |
| Others | 0,2 | 0,5 | 2,6 | 6,1 | -0,3 | -0,3 | -2,8 | -2,4 |
|  | 0,8 | 0,1 | 0,0 | 9,0 | -0,1 | 0,0 | -0,2 | 0,1 |
| Note: | 0,3 | 0,5 | 0,4 | 3,5 | 0,0 | -0,4 | -0,2 | -0,2 |
| Underlying inflation | 0,4 | 0,3 | 0,4 | 4,0 | 0,1 | 0,0 | 0,1 | 2,1 |

## Exchange rate at S/. 3,441

In November, the ask exchange rate in the banking system was $\mathrm{S} / .3,441,0,6$ percent lower than last month's average ( $\mathrm{S} / .3,461$ ). The declining trend shown in the last months is consistent with lower devaluation expectations. As a result, on November 20, the exchange rate reached its minimum level of the year ( $\mathrm{S} / .3,435$ ) and driving a BCRP intervention by US $\$ 90,5$ million in the spot market. In the last 12 months, the exchange rate fell 2,6 percent and 2,3 percent in the period January-November.

In real terms, the exchange rate increased 0,3 percent in November. The nominal appreciation ( 0,6 percent) was offset by the difference between domestic inflation ( $-0,5$ percent) and external inflation ( 0,4 percent). In the period January-November the real exchange rate decreased 4,2 percent and 3,8 percent in the last 12 months.

The balance of foreign currency sales in the forward market decreased from US\$ 1039 million in October to US\$ 943 million as of November 30, whereas the banks' exchange position passed from US\$ 527 million to US\$ 585 million in the above mentioned period.

## Banks' exchange market operations to the public: Daily average

 (Million of US\$)|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 2000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { August } \\ 2001 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | September | October | November |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| End-of-period balance: |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. Net sales to the public (i-ii) | 440 | 596 | 572 | 595 | 618 |
| i. Forward sales to the public | 653 | 1065 | 1068 | 1039 | 943 |
| ii. Forward purchases to the public | 213 | 470 | 496 | 441 | 325 |
| b. Banks' exchange position | 630 | 446 | 667 | 527 | 585 |
| Flows: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Forward sales to the public | $\underline{0}$ | -3 | -1 | -1 | -4 |
| - New sales | 12 | 12 | 12 | 15 | 16 |
| - Redemptions | 12 | 15 | 13 | 16 | 20 |
| II. Forward purchases to the public | -2 | -3 | -1 | -2 | -5 |
| - New purchases | $\overline{6}$ | $\overline{9}$ | $\overline{9}$ | $\overline{8}$ | 8 |
| - Redemptions | 8 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 13 |
| III. Net spot purchases to the public | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{3}$ | 4 | $\underline{6}$ | 16 |
| - Purchases | 87 | 76 | 78 | 85 | 91 |
| - Sales | 87 | 73 | 74 | 79 | 75 |

## Monetary accounts: November 22

As of November 22, liquidity in domestic currency increased 3,9 percent (S/. 561 million) in the last 4 weeks to $\mathrm{S} / .15009$ million. In annual terms this aggregate increased 8,4 percent. On the other hand, credit to the private sector in domestic currency increased 1,4 percent (S/. 126 million) to S/. 9034 million. Growth in the last 12 months for this variable was 3,3 percent.

Liquidity in foreign currency decreased US\$ 44 million ( 0,5 percent) to US\$ 9576 million from October 22 to November 22, whereas in annual terms this variable increased 2,5 percent. Short-term external liabilities increased 5,4 percent (US\$ 70 million) to US\$ 1350 million. Credit to the private sector (US\$ 10723 million) fell 0,1 percent (US\$ 13 million) over the last 4 weeks and 5,4 percent in the last 12 months.

## General Index increased 2,5 percent

In November, the Lima Stock Exchange increased relative to end-October by 2,5 percent in the General Index and 2,6 percent in the Blue Chip Index. However, as of December 4, both indices decreased 0,7 percent. In the year, the General and Blue Chip index have decreased 4,1 and 7,5 percent, respectively.

Stock market indicators
(November 2000 - December 2001)


Lima, December 7, 2001

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## Monetary Program for 2001- Information Note: December 2001

1. For the month of December, the Board increased the range for its operating target at $\mathbf{S} / .150$ S/. 160 million as a daily average. In November, the said balance was S/. 146 million, which fell slightly above the announced range ( $\mathrm{S} / .135-\mathrm{S} / .145$ million), as a consequence of a higher liquidity requirement reflected in higher temporary purchase of CDBCRP on November 30
2. 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 December 6:
a. For monetary regulation credits in domestic currency, the effective interest rate would be the weighted average of the interbank interest rates, or 5,0 percent, whichever is highest. Formerly, the said rate was 6,0 percent.
b. For overnight deposits in domestic currency held by banks at the Central Bank, the effective interest rate will be $\mathbf{2 , 0}$ percent. Formerly, this rate was 2,5 percent.
c. For foreign exchange temporary purchase operations (swap operations), the commission implies an effective annual cost of $\mathbf{5 , 0}$ percent. The latter cost was 6,0 percent.
3. The following interest rates will be used in foreign-currency operations:
a. The effective annual rate for monetary regulation credits will be $\mathbf{4 , 5}$ percent. This rate rules since November 9 .
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.
4. The Central Bank grants monetary regulation credits in domestic and foreign currency on a regular basis. Besides, the Central Bank operations will be oriented to reduce volatility in the exchange market.
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, which mean avoiding inflationary or deflationary pressures.

Lima, December 5, 2001

Operational target and reference interest rate approved by the Board of the Central Bank: 2001


1/ Similar to BCRP international overnight deposits' interest rate abroad.
2/ June 1 quotation non included ( 74,3 percent).
3/ Since October, the swap commission is calculated on a daily basis and considering international levels.

## Indicadores Económicos/Economic Indicators




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