



**INTERNATIONAL RESERVES: COMPOSITION AND
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AS OF DECEMBER 2002**

At the end of December 2002, the gross international reserves (GIR) totalled USD 9 690 millions, down USD 159 millions as of the previous month. Its composition by asset class was as follows:

GROSS INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (millions of US\$)				
Asset	31.12.2001	31.10.2002	29.11.2002	31.12.2002
Deposits abroad	5167,0	3531,1	3291,6	3130,8
Securities	3073,4	5727,7	5855,4	5787,1
Gold	261,6	354,1	354,9	386,7
Others ^{1/}	336,0	347,5	346,7	385,9
TOTAL	8838,0	9960,4	9848,6	9690,5

^{1/} Includes subscriptions of capital to FLAR and credit balances from ALADI.

The book value of liquid international assets (see glossary) amounted to USD 9 113 millions, showing the following composition in terms of currencies, term to maturity and credit risk:

Currencies	%	Term to maturity	%	Long term rating ^{2/}	%
US\$	94,8	0-3 months	43,6	AAA	61,3
Other currencies ^{1/}	3,1	3-12 months	32,4	AA+ / AA / AA-	37,8
Gold	2,1	1-5 years	24,0	A+ / A	0,9

^{1/} Euros, japanese yens, sterling pounds y canadian dolars.

^{2/} Average rating from Fitch, Standard & Poor's and Moody's.

The total return based on actual book entries (see glossary) was 2,73% for the period January 2002–December 2002, though excluding gold holdings it rose to 2,80%. The average duration of the portfolio was 0,6 years as of the end of December.

ANNEX 1: GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Gross International Reserves (GIR).- Central Bank's GIR¹ are composed mainly of deposits in foreign banks, foreign securities and bonds, gold holdings and any other internationally recognized means of payments such as coins and bills. It also includes subscriptions to international organizations, and the credit balance from the financial agreement signed with other Latinoamerican central banks as part of the Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración, ALADI².

Liquid International Assets.- The international assets which are under management and can be rapidly converted into cash. They are the result of excluding from the GIR subscriptions of capital to international financial organizations, such as Fondo Latinoamericano de Reservas (FLAR), credit balances from ALADI, and holdings of gold in Central Bank of Peru's vaults.

Total return based on actual book entries.- It is calculated as a quotient, in which the numerator considers interest earnings and profit/loss from securities sales and the denominator, the average daily balances of deposits, securities and gold (abroad and in vaults), excluding the valuation effect from changes in exchange rates and the price of gold.

¹ The concept used by the Central Bank is consistent with the paragraph 424 of the Manual of the Balance of Payments, IMF, 5th Edition.

² For an historic series, see in this web page Home/Series/Charts/Weekly Report Charts/ 22 Concepts of international liquidity of the Central Bank of Peru.