



INTERNATIONAL RESERVES: COMPOSITION AND PERFORMANCE AS OF MARCH 2006

At the end of March 2006, the gross international reserves (GIR) amounted to USD 14 493,9 millions, USD 484,6 millions higher than the previous month. Its composition by asset class was as follows:

GROSS INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (millions of US\$)				
Asset	30.12.2005	31.01.2006	28.02.2006	31.03.2006
Deposits abroad	4485,3	4627,7	4522,0	5412,1
Securities	8686,8	8525,0	8495,8	8065,8
Gold	575,9	634,2	624,8	648,0
Others ^{1/}	371,6	372,3	366,7	368,0
TOTAL	14119,6	14159,2	14009,3	14493,9

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

The book value of liquid international assets (see glossary) reached USD 13 805 millions, showing the following composition in terms of currencies, term to maturity and credit risk:

Currencies	%	Term to maturity	%	Long term rating ^{2/}	%
US\$	78,9	0-3 months	51,8	AAA	55,9
Other currencies ^{1/}	18,7	3-12 months	19,8	AA+ / AA / AA-	40,6
Gold	2,4	1-5 years	28,4	A+ / A	3,5

^{1/} Euros, sterling pounds and canadian dollars.

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

The Exchange Position, at the end of March 2006 reached US\$ 7 257 millions.

The total return based on actual book entries (see glossary) was 3,10% for the period April 2005 – March 2006, and excluding gold holdings was 3,22%. The average duration of the portfolio was 0,80 years at the end of March.

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 Latin-American central banks as part of the Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración, ALADI².

Exchange Position.- Central Bank's Exchange Position is the difference of assets and liabilities in foreign exchange, both internationally and with residents. These assets could be diversified by currencies and gold.

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 prices of gold and securities.

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 historic series, see in this web page Home/Statistics/Charts/Weekly Report Charts/ 23 "Concepts of international liquidity of the Central Bank of Peru".