



**INTERNATIONAL RESERVES: COMPOSITION AND PERFORMANCE AS OF JANUARY 2007**

At the end of January 2007, the gross international reserves (GIR) amounted to USD 17 874,2 millions, USD 545,0 millions higher than the previous month. Its composition by asset class was as follows:

GROSS INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (millions of US\$)				
Asset	30.12.2005	30.06.2006	29.12.2006	31.01.2007
Deposits abroad	4485.3	5953.1	6850.4	6885.3
Securities	8686.8	7424.8	9387.1	9876.4
Gold	575.9	683.8	705.9	725.1
Others <sup>1/</sup>	371.6	389.9	385.8	387.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14119.6</b>	<b>14451.6</b>	<b>17329.2</b>	<b>17874.2</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Includes subscriptions of capital to FLAR and credit balances from ALADI.

The book value of liquid international assets (see glossary) reached USD 17 128 millions, showing the following composition in terms of currencies, term to maturity and credit risk:

Currencies	%	Term to maturity	%	Long term rating <sup>2/</sup>	%
US\$	80.3	0-3 months	47.9	AAA	52.9
Other currencies <sup>1/</sup>	17.6	3-12 months	13.8	AA+ / AA / AA-	44.3
Gold	2.1	>1 year	38.3	A+	2.8

<sup>1/</sup> Euros, sterling pounds and canadian dollars.

<sup>2/</sup> Average rating from Fitch, Standard & Poor's and Moody's. The minimum long term credit rating required by the BCRP for its correspondents banks is A+ and for securities held in its portfolio is AA -.

The Exchange Position, at the end of January 2007 reached US\$ 11 677 millions.

The total return based on actual book entries (see glossary) was 4,39% for the period February 2007 – January 2007, and excluding gold holdings was 4,58%. The average duration of the portfolio was 1,28 years at the end of December.

**ANNEX 1: GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**Gross International Reserves (GIR).**- Central Bank's GIR<sup>1</sup> 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, ALADI<sup>2</sup>.

**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.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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".