



**INTERNATIONAL RESERVES: COMPOSITION AND  
PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 2009**

At the end of December 2009, gross international reserves (GIR) amounted to USD 33 175 millions, USD 288,0 millions lower than the previous month and USD 1 942,7 millions higher than the previous year-end. Its composition by asset class was as follows:

GROSS INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (millions of US\$)				
Asset	31.12.2008	30.06.2009	30.11.2009	31.12.2009
Deposits abroad	2,655.9	2,774.8	5,961.1	5,795.4
Securities	27,178.2	26,444.5	24,739.6	24,750.4
Gold	982.6	1,033.4	1,310.3	1,217.7
Others <sup>1/</sup>	415.9	569.8	1,452.3	1,411.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,232.6</b>	<b>30,822.5</b>	<b>33,463.3</b>	<b>33,175.3</b>

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

The value of liquid international assets (see glossary) reached USD 31 979 millions, showing the following composition in terms of currency denomination, term to maturity and credit risk:

Currencies	Dic-31-2009	Term to maturity	Dic-31-2009	Long term rating <sup>2/</sup>	Dic-31-2009
US\$	79.9	0-3 months	36.7	AAA	86.5
Other currencies <sup>1/</sup>	18.1	3-12 months	19.0	AA+ / AA / AA-	10.7
Gold	2.0	>1 year	44.3	A+	2.8

<sup>1/</sup> Mostly euros.

<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 Net International Position at the end of December 2009 reached US\$ 22 988 millions.

The duration of the portfolio was 1,18 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>.

**Net International Position.**- Central Bank's Net International 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.**- Assets which can be easily negotiated in the international financial markets. 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.

<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 historical series, see in this Webpage Home/Statistics/Weekly Report Charts/ 25 "Concepts of international liquidity of the Central Bank of Peru".