



**INTERNATIONAL RESERVES: COMPOSITION AND
PERFORMANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 2010**

At the end of February 2010, gross international reserves (GIR) amounted to USD 35 045 million, USD 667 million higher than the previous month. Its composition by asset class was as follows:

GROSS INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (millions of US\$)				
Asset	31.12.2008	31.12.2009	29.01.2010	26.02.2010
Deposits abroad	2,655.9	5,795.4	7,276.7	7,140.9
Securities	27,178.2	24,750.4	24,492.5	25,273.7
Gold	982.6	1,217.7	1,202.8	1,243.4
Others ^{1/}	415.9	1,411.8	1,406.2	1,387.4
TOTAL	31,232.6	33,175.3	34,378.2	35,045.4

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

The value of liquid international assets (see glossary) reached USD 33 846 million, showing the following composition in terms of currency denomination, term to maturity and credit risk:

Currencies	Feb-26-2010	Term to maturity	Feb-26-2010	Long term rating ^{2/}	Feb-26-2010
US\$	81.7	0-3 months	37.6	AAA	77.6
Other currencies ^{1/}	16.4	3-12 months	18.1	AA+ / AA / AA-	16.3
Gold	1.9	>1 year	44.3	A+	6.1

^{1/} Mostly euros.

^{2/} 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 February 2010 reached US\$ 24 280 million.

The duration of the portfolio was 1,16 years at the end of February.

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.

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), IMF's Reserve Tranche Position, credit balances from ALADI, and holdings of gold in Central Bank of Peru's vaults.

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