



**INTERNATIONAL RESERVES: COMPOSITION AND
PERFORMANCE AS OF AUGUST 2012**

At the end of August 2012, gross international reserves (GIR) amounted to USD 59 836 million, USD 1 780 million higher than the previous month. Its composition by asset class was as follows:

GROSS INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (millions of US\$)				
Asset	29.12.2011	28.06.2012	31.07.2012	29.08.2012
Deposits abroad	11,263.3	12,449.3	11,258.8	14,261.9
Securities	34,189.7	41,406.5	43,292.5	42,023.8
Gold	1,722.2	1,734.5	1,797.7	1,846.4
Others ^{1/}	1,683.4	1,690.9	1,706.5	1,703.6
TOTAL	48,858.6	57,281.2	58,055.5	59,835.7

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

The value of liquid international assets (see glossary) reached USD 58 016 million, showing the following composition in terms of maturity and credit risk:

Term to maturity	Aug 29-2012	Long term rating	Aug 29-2012
0-3 months	40%	AAA	40%
3-12 months	24%	AA+ / AA / AA-	24%
>1 year	36%	A+ / A / A-	36%

The Net International Position at the end of August 2012 reached US\$ 41 494 million.

Currencies	Aug 29-2012
US\$	61%
Other Currencies	35%
Gold	4%

The effective exposure to U.S. dollars in the Net International Position reached 61%, while other currencies and gold accounted for 35% and 4% respectively.

The duration of the portfolio was 1,09 years at the end of August.

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 and fiduciary funds, 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".