



**INTERNATIONAL RESERVES: COMPOSITION AND  
PERFORMANCE AS OF AUGUST 2013**

At the end of August 2013, gross international reserves (GIR) amounted to USD 66 740 million, USD 984 million lower than the previous month. Its composition by asset class was as follows:

GROSS INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (millions of US\$)		
Asset	31.07.2013	30.08.2013
Deposits abroad	11,740.0	11,660.0
Securities	52,694.1	51,713.1
Gold	1,474.5	1,554.4
Others <sup>1/</sup>	1,815.4	1,812.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67,724.0</b>	<b>66,739.9</b>

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

The value of liquid international assets (see glossary) reached USD 64 956 million, showing the following composition in terms of maturity and credit risk:

Term to maturity	Aug 30 - 2013	Long term rating	Aug 30 - 2013
0-3 months	32%	AAA	61%
3-12 months	19%	AA+ / AA / AA-	29%
>1 year	49%	A+ / A / A-	10%

The Net International Position at the end of August 2013 reached US\$ 43 750 million.

Currencies	Aug 30 - 2013
US\$	69%
Other Currencies	27%
Gold	4%

The effective exposure to U.S. dollars in the Net International Position reached 69%, while other currencies and gold accounted for 27% and 4% respectively.

The duration of the portfolio was 1,20 years at the end of August.

**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), IMF's Reserve Tranche Position and fiduciary funds, 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 [http://www.bcrp.gob.pe/Statistics/Weekly Report Charts/ 25 "Concepts of international liquidity of the Central Bank of Peru"](http://www.bcrp.gob.pe/Statistics/Weekly%20Report%20Charts/25%20Concepts%20of%20international%20liquidity%20of%20the%20Central%20Bank%20of%20Peru).