



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

At the end of March 2013, gross international reserves (GIR) amounted to USD 67 975 million, USD 285 million higher than the previous month. Its composition by asset class was as follows:

GROSS INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (millions of US\$)				
Asset	31.12.2012	31.01.2013	28.02.2013	27.03.2013
Deposits abroad	11,010.6	11,577.0	12,752.2	12,860.2
Securities	49,117.5	51,701.5	51,338.8	51,478.6
Gold	1,866.5	1,850.7	1,759.0	1,789.5
Others ^{1/}	2,054.2	1,966.2	1,840.1	1,847.0
TOTAL	64,048.8	67,095.4	67,690.1	67,975.3

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

The value of liquid international assets (see glossary) reached USD 66 030 million, showing the following composition in terms of maturity and credit risk:

Term to maturity	Mar 27, 2013	Long term rating	Mar 27, 2013
0-3 months	33%	AAA	64%
3-12 months	20%	AA+ / AA / AA-	25%
>1 year	47%	A+ / A / A-	11%

The Net International Position at the end of March 2013 reached US\$ 48 397 million.

Currencies	Mar 27 - 2013
US\$	71%
Other Currencies	25%
Gold	4%

The effective exposure to U.S. dollars in the Net International Position reached 71%, while other currencies and gold accounted for 25% and 4% respectively.

The duration of the portfolio was 1,23 years at the end of March.

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 <http://www.bcrp.gob.pe/Statistics/Weekly Report Charts/> 25 "Concepts of international liquidity of the Central Bank of Peru".