## INTERNATIONAL RESERVES: COMPOSITION AND PERFORMANCE AS OF MARCH 2014

At the end of March 2014, gross international reserves (GIR) amounted to USD 64 999.6 million, USD 229.6 million smaller than the previous month. Its composition by asset class was as follows:

GROSS INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (millions of US\$)			
Asset	28.02.2014	31.03.2014	
Deposits abroad	12,298.7	15,017.1	
Securities	49,556.3	46,657.5	
Gold	1,476.6	1,431.2	
Others <u>1</u> /	1,897.6	1,893.8	
TOTAL	65,229.2	64,999.6	

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

The value of liquid international assets (see glossary) reached USD 63 218 million, showing the following composition in terms of maturity and credit risk:

Term to maturity	Mar.31-2014
0-3 months	37%
3-12 months	21%
>1 year	42%

Long term rating	Mar.31-2014
AAA	56%
AA+/AA/AA-	29%
A+/A/A-	14%

The Net International Position at the end of March 2014 reached US\$ 40 074 million.

Currencies	Mar. 31 - 2014
US\$	66%
Other Currencies	30%
Gold	4%

The effective exposure to U.S. dollars in the Net International Position reached 66%, while other currencies and gold accounted for 30% and 4% respectively.

The duration of the portfolio was 0,96 years at the end of March.

## **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>&</sup>lt;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.

For historical series, see http://www.bcrp.gob.pe /Statistics/Weekly Report Charts/ 25 "Concepts of international liquidity of the Central Bank of Peru".