

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEVELOPMENTS

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First Quarter 2008 Developments

Overall BOP Position

Q1 2008 BOP sustains surplus. The balance of payments (BOP) yielded a surplus of US\$1.7 billion in Q1 2008, 20.8 percent higher than the US\$1.4 billion surplus registered in the same quarter a year ago. The current and capital and financial accounts remained in surplus although at levels lower than a year ago (Table 1).

Balance of Payments (in million US\$)			
	Q1		Growth Rate (%)
	2008	2007	
Current Account	1203	1971	-39.0
Capital & Fin'l Account	86	403	-78.7
Net Unclassified Items	424	-956	144.4
Overall BOP	1713	1418	20.8

Current Account

Current account remains in surplus despite higher trade-in-goods deficit. The current account remained in surplus at US\$1.2 billion (equivalent to 2.9 percent of GDP) due to higher net current transfers, which in turn could be traced to robust remittances from overseas Filipinos (OFs), increased net services receipts, and the lower deficit in the income account. However, the current account surplus was lower by 39.0 percent relative to the previous year's level due to the wider deficit in the trade-in-goods account.

▪ Trade-in-Goods

The trade-in-goods deficit increases. The trade-in-goods deficit more than doubled from last year's level to reach US\$2.6 billion from only US\$1.0 billion a year ago as the growth in merchandise imports at 14.7 percent outpaced that of merchandise exports at 3.1 percent.

❖ Exports of Goods

Exports of goods post a moderate increase. Total exports of goods reached US\$12.3 billion in Q1 2008 posting a modest increase of 3.1 percent from US\$11.9 billion a year ago.¹ This was a deceleration from the 9.0 percent growth experienced in the same quarter last year, following

¹ Based on BPM5 concept (i.e., excluding from the National Statistics Office (NSO) foreign trade figures those goods that did not involve change in ownership)



the economic slowdown in some partner countries, notably the United States.

The major export drivers during the quarter in review were:

- Agricultural products such as coconut, fruits and vegetables, and other agro-based goods which posted gains relative to year-ago levels. Shipments of coconut products expanded by 182.1 percent, rebounding from the 33.9 percent contraction posted in the same quarter last year. This was attributed largely to the more than threefold growth in coconut oil exports as volume and average price went up by 123.4 percent and 69.4 percent, respectively.

The expansion in total agricultural production could be traced partly to the Department of Agriculture's (DA) implementation of its five-point farm program to accelerate farm growth and raise rural income through market expansion and diversification activities. Moreover, the DA's Export Development Team spearheaded the country's participation in several food exhibits and trade shows in Asia and Europe, which garnered buying commitments for Philippine fruits, vegetables, and processed food products. The DA team also put up agricultural trade desks to complement the work of overseas-based attaches in tapping more buyers for Philippine agricultural products.

- Petroleum products, which increased by 109.2 percent, specifically gas oil, naphtha, lubricating greases and other fuel oils.
- Mineral products, which rose by 7.2 percent propelled by higher shipments of gold, chromium ore and other mineral products such as gold bullion, remelting scrap ingots of iron or steel and copper waste and scrap.

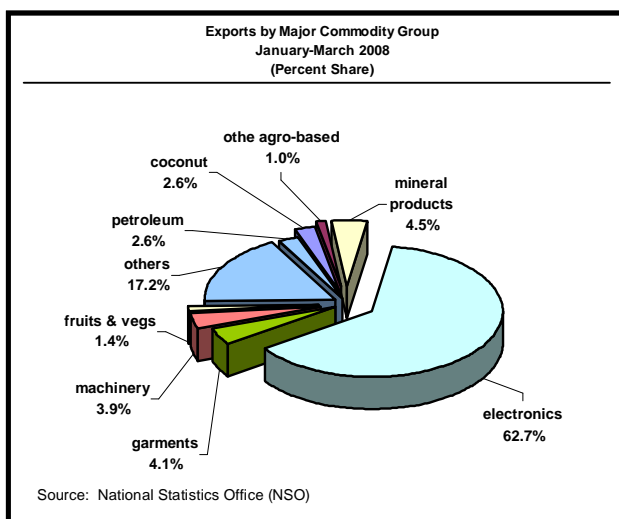
Meanwhile, manufactured goods, comprising more than five-fifths (84.5 percent) of total goods exports, declined slightly by 1.1 percent year-on-year to reach US\$10.6 billion, in view of the following developments:

- Electronics, accounting for about two-thirds (or 62.7 percent) of total exports, decreased to US\$7.9 billion in Q1 2008 compared to US\$8.1 billion a year ago. The 3.4 percent contraction was due to the declines posted in exports of: a) semiconductors (9.2 percent), brought about by continuing price erosion in the global semiconductor market due to intense competition among global



manufacturers; and b) electronic data processing machines (1.0 percent). Semiconductors accounted for 70.3 percent of total electronics exports.

- Garments exports likewise declined by 13.1 percent to US\$516 million as the quota phase-out continued to take its toll on garment manufacturers as they face increased competition from low-cost suppliers such as China and Bangladesh.
- The decline in electronics and garments exports, was, however, partly offset by gains posted in shipments of other manufactures such as machinery and transport equipment (15.3 percent growth), chemicals (20.5 percent growth), wood manufactures (16.7 percent growth), processed food and beverages (20.4 percent growth), and furnitures & fixtures (6.9 percent growth). Meanwhile, exports of travel goods and handbags recorded the highest growth of 450.0 percent.



❖ Imports of Goods

Imports of goods register double-digit growth as both price and volume increase. Imports of goods expanded by 14.7 percent to US\$14.9 billion from the year-ago level of US\$13.0 billion. Growth was driven by higher purchases of mineral fuels & lubricants, consumer goods, particularly rice, and capital goods (Table 2.2).²

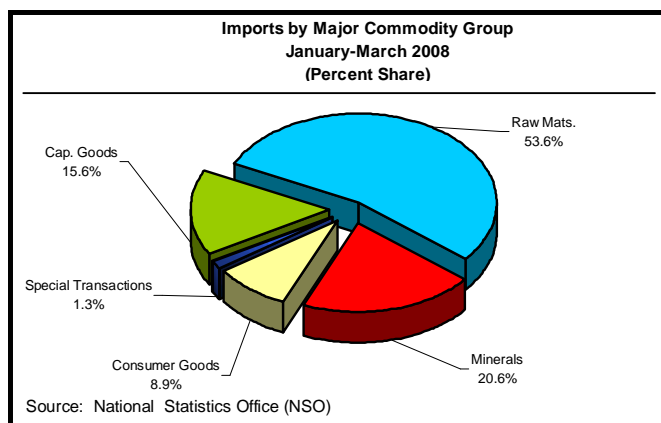
- Imports of mineral fuels and lubricants rose sharply by

² Based on BPM5 concept (i.e., excluding from the National Statistics Office (NSO) foreign trade figures those goods that did not involve change in ownership); imports per BOP also reflect: a) upward adjustments on the valuation of consigned raw materials; b) OF remittances in kind; and c) military imports, among others.



83.3 percent to US\$3.0 billion due to higher imports of petroleum crude and other mineral fuels and lubricants. Importation of petroleum crude rose by 115.3 percent to US\$1.7 billion as both its volume and price increased by 35.7 percent and 58.6 percent, respectively. On the other hand, importation of other mineral fuels and lubricant grew by 58.8 percent to US\$1.3 billion as the quantity and the import price likewise increased by 3.5 percent and 53.4 percent, respectively.

- Imports of consumer goods posted a hefty increase of 53.3 percent to US\$1.3 billion. Non-durable goods imports rose by 73.2 percent, due mainly to higher purchases of rice, dairy products, fish & fish preparation, and fruits & vegetables. In particular, rice imports surged to US\$165 million from only US\$25 million in the comparable quarter last year due to increases in both the volume and price of imported rice. The volume of rice imports climbed fivefold following the government and private sector's buffer stocking this year to fill the anticipated shortfall in domestic rice production during the traditional lean months (July to September) and the typhoon season. On the other hand, imports of durable goods grew by 32.2 percent following higher procurement of passenger cars and motorized cycles (39.0 percent); home appliances (44.0 percent); and miscellaneous manufactures (19.2 percent).
- Capital goods imports amounted to US\$2.3 billion, recording an increase of 9.2 percent due largely to increased purchases of power-generating & specialized machines (11.4 percent); telecommunication equipment (21.4 percent); and aircraft, ships & boats (51.3 percent).
- On the other hand, imports of raw materials and intermediate goods, which comprised the bulk of total imports (53.6 percent), posted a marginal decline of 3.2 percent to reach US\$7.9 billion. This resulted largely from lower procurement of: a) raw material inputs for the manufacture of electronics goods (10.3 percent); b) manufactures such as textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles (14.4 percent) and metal products (28.7 percent); and c) embroideries (13.0 percent). Raw material inputs for the manufacture of electronics goods comprised more than six-tenths (61.8 percent) of total raw materials & intermediate goods.



Trade-in-Services

The trade-in-services account posts a higher surplus.

The trade-in-services account registered a higher surplus of US\$536 million in Q1 2008. The 117.9 percent increase from the year-ago surplus of US\$246 million was attributed mainly to higher net receipts from computer and information services and other business services, particularly, business, professional, technical and miscellaneous services combined with lower net outflow in financial services (Table 3). The gains realized in these services sub-accounts negated the lower net inflows posted in travel, communication as well as the higher net outflows in transportation, insurance, royalties and fees, and government services.

Net receipts from computer and information services reached US\$68 million in Q1 2008 (from only US\$4 million in the previous year), while those from miscellaneous, business, professional and technical services aggregated US\$535 million (from only US\$68 million) due to the surge in revenues mainly from business process outsourcing (BPO) related-activities.³ Outsourcing operations, notably contact centers, software development, medical transcriptions and animation, continued to flourish as more high-value offshoring companies chose to set up operations in the Philippines due to the skills quality and competence of Filipino workers.

The Philippine BPO industry is targeting a 39 percent growth in revenues in 2008 on the back of strong demand for back office, engineering and financial services. To achieve its goal, the industry launched the 2010 BPO Roadmap, a strategic plan to maximize the country's pool of human resources and infrastructure in the global outsourcing and offshoring services through initiatives that aim to capture 10 percent of the global market share by 2010. With this as a target, plans

³ The increase may also be partly attributed to better capture of BPO data during the period.



are being made for a This will be achieved through a comprehensive assessment and training programs aimed at increasing the suitability of workers for the BPO industry.

▪ Income

The income account deficit narrows. The deficit in the income account was lower at US\$408 million compared to US\$658 million in Q1 2007. The narrower deficit resulted mainly from: a) higher gross earnings of resident overseas Filipino workers (OFWs)⁴ which reached US\$1.0 billion, or a year-on-year expansion of 42.1 percent following the 20.1 percent increase in the deployment of sea-based workers; and b) higher income receipts from holdings of foreign debt securities by the BSP and private corporations amounting to US\$293 million and US\$100 million, respectively. These net inflows more than offset the net outflows from dividend payments by banks and private corporations (Table 4).

▪ Current Transfers

The current transfers account surplus rises further. Net receipts from current transfers increased by 6.6 percent to US\$3.6 billion from the year-ago level, spurred primarily by the 7.9 percent increase in remittances from non-resident OFs to US\$3.5 billion following continued demand for highly skilled and professional Filipino workers (Table 5). The robust remittance flows can also be attributed to the growing efficiency of banks and other financial institutions as remittance channels. Remittances were also strengthened by additional tie-ups established by domestic banks and other local remittance companies with foreign financial institutions to promote faster and more efficient delivery of remittances.

Capital and Financial Account

Capital and financial account balance remains in surplus although at a level lower than that in Q1 2007. The capital and financial account in Q1 2008 remained in surplus at US\$86 million, although at a level lower by 78.7 percent year-on-year, from the US\$403 million realized in the same quarter a year ago. This developed as the surplus in net direct investment account was reduced by more than half (60.5 percent) notwithstanding the improvement in the net balances in both portfolio and other investment accounts.

▪ Capital Account

⁴ Under the BPM5, the residency of workers such as OFWs is classified according to the length of their stay in the host economy. OFWs who work for less than one year are classified as resident OFWs (such as performing artists and sea-based workers) and their gross earnings are reflected under the Income account. Meanwhile, OFWs who work for one year or more in the host economy are classified as non-resident OFWs (i.e., all land-based workers, except performing artists) and their remittances are captured under the Current Transfers account.



The capital account surplus expands. The capital account posted a surplus of US\$23 million, higher than the US\$15 million surplus recorded during the same quarter in 2007. This developed following higher capital transfers to the general government amounting to US\$24 million (Table 6).⁵

▪ **Direct Investment**

Net direct investment surplus dwindles. The surplus in the net direct investment account, at US\$520 million, was lower by more than half (60.5 percent) compared to the US\$1.3 billion surplus in the comparable quarter in 2007, owing largely to the combined effect of lower non-residents' net equity capital and net other capital investments. Specifically, foreign equity capital placements into the country recorded a net inflow of US\$193 million, 71.8 percent lower than the level during the comparable period in 2007. It is instructive to note that FDI inflows in Q1 2007 came from a high base due to a significant infusion of capital to a local beverage company. During the review quarter, equity capital inflows were channeled mainly to manufacturing, services, construction, mining, real estate, and financial institutions. The other capital account, likewise, posted a lower net inflow of US\$258 million following the loan repayments by local subsidiaries to their foreign/parent companies (Table 7).

Meanwhile, the reinvested earnings account also recorded a lower surplus of US\$100 million compared to the US\$132 million net reinvested earnings in the same quarter in 2007.

▪ **Portfolio Investments**

Net portfolio investment inflows higher. Net portfolio investment inflows in Q1 2008 grew year-on-year by 47.4 percent to US\$252 million. This development was largely the result of the following:

- a) redemption by residents of their maturing debt securities placements abroad (US\$555 million); and
- b) non-residents' subscription to the RP global bonds issued by the National Government on February 2008 (US\$500 million).

These inflows were, however, dampened by the:

- a) net repayment of debt securities issued by private local

⁵ The capital account consists largely of capital transfers. Capital transfers are transactions that involve the change in the stock of assets attributed to transactions such as disposal and acquisition of fixed assets. By contrast, current transfers involve transactions that affect the level of disposable income and influence consumption of goods and services.



corporations to non-residents (US\$686 million);⁶ and

- b) net withdrawal by non-residents of their investments in equity securities issued by private corporations (US\$161 million).

It may be noted that during the first three months of 2008, transactions in the local equities market retreated as foreign investor sentiment was dampened by the stresses in the global financial markets as well as expectations of increasing inflation.

▪ **Financial Derivatives**

Financial derivatives trading yields higher net loss. The banks' trading in financial derivatives resulted in a net loss of US\$88 million, higher than the US\$60 million loss recorded in the same quarter in 2007 (Table 9).

▪ **Other Investments**

The other investment account records lower deficit. The other investment account deficit narrowed to US\$621 million from US\$1.0 billion in the same quarter in 2007. The marked improvement in the other investment account arose largely from the net repayment of loans owed to residents amounting to US\$2.2 billion. In particular, the account consisted of loans/placements by domestic banks (US\$305 million) and private corporations (US\$1.9 billion) as well as net withdrawals by local banks of their currency and deposits abroad (US\$353 million). Offsetting the impact of these inflows were the loan repayments made by the private sector (US\$2.3 billion), domestic banks (US\$275 million), and the National Government (US\$328 million).⁷

Reserve Assets

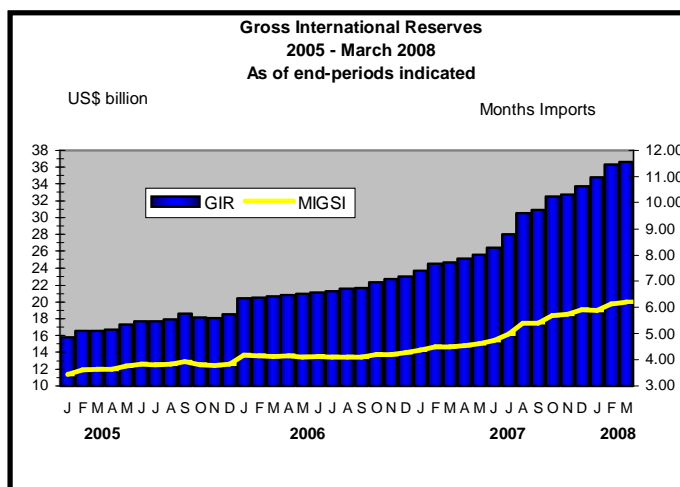
Gross international reserves rise anew. As a result of the positive external payments position in Q1 2008, the gross international reserves (GIR) rose to US\$36.6 billion as of end-March 2008, higher by 8.5 percent relative to the end-December 2007 level of US\$33.8 billion (Table 12). The GIR level as of end-March 2008 was equivalent to 6.2 months' worth of imports of goods and payment of services and income (import cover). In terms of short-term external debt coverage, the reserves level was 5.2 times the amount of the country's short-term external liabilities based on

⁶ Include bond prepayments of the private sector amounting to US\$31 million.

⁷ Include loan prepayments of the private (US\$259 million) and the public sector (US\$169 million) borrowers.



original maturity and 3.1 times based on residual maturity.⁸



The bulk of reserves was held in the form of foreign investments (88.1 percent), with the balance in gold (10.5 percent), foreign exchange (1.0 percent) and combined SDRs and reserve position in the Fund (0.4 percent). By currency composition, reserves (excluding gold) were in US dollars (87.7 percent),⁹ euros (8.7 percent), Japanese yen (2.7 percent), pound sterling (0.1 percent), and other foreign currencies (0.9 percent).

Exchange Rate

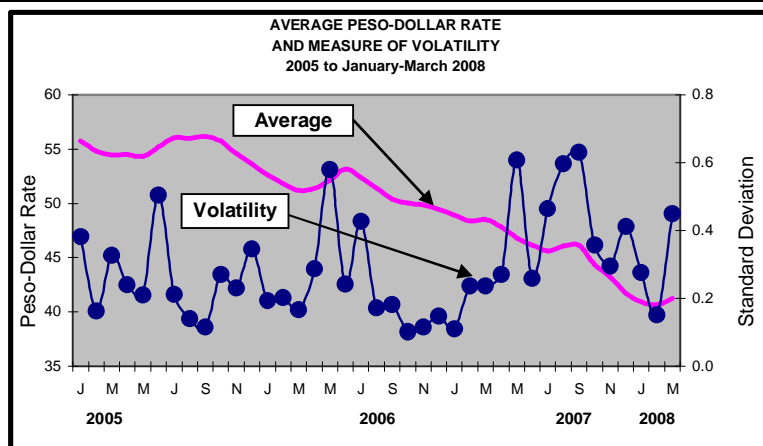
BOP surplus strengthens the peso. The peso-dollar exchange rate averaged ₱40.95/US\$1 in Q1 2008, appreciating by 18.7 percent compared to the average of ₱48.60/US\$1 in Q1 2007.¹⁰ This developed as FX inflows remained strong despite the challenging global economic conditions.

Peso is more volatile in Q1 2008. The peso was more volatile in Q1 2008 compared to the same period last year as it fluctuated within a wider band. The standard deviation at ₱0.39 was slightly higher compared to ₱0.30 in the same quarter in 2007. The peso-dollar exchange rate ranged from ₱40.36/US\$1 to ₱41.87/US\$1 during the year.

⁸ Residual maturity refers to outstanding short-term debt based on original maturity plus principal payments on medium- and long-term loans of the public and private sectors falling due in the next 12 months.

⁹ Compared to the previous year, the bulk of reserves was held similarly in U.S. dollars (86.5 percent).

¹⁰ Dollar rates or the reciprocal of the peso-dollar (reference) rates were used to compute for the year-on-year percent change.



The peso's external price competitiveness weakens.

Relative to last year's levels, the peso's average nominal effective exchange rate (NEER) index for Q1 2008 appreciated against the currency baskets of its major trading partners (MTPs) (by 10.8 percent) as well as against its broad and narrow competitor countries (by 16.4 percent and 16.5 percent, respectively).¹¹ Compared to the currencies of MTPs, external price competitiveness declined as the peso's real effective exchange rate (REER) index appreciated by 13.4 percent.¹² The decline was brought about by the nominal appreciation of the peso coupled with the slight widening of the inflation differential. Compared to currencies of competitor countries in the broad and narrow baskets, there was also a loss in external price competitiveness as the peso's REER appreciated by 17.0 percent and 16.4 percent, respectively. This developed as the peso's nominal appreciation against the U.S. dollar was larger across the currencies in the broad and narrow baskets despite the narrowing inflation differentials between the Philippines and the countries in these currency baskets.

¹¹ The NEER index represents the weighted average exchange rate of the Philippine peso vis-à-vis a basket of foreign currencies such as the US dollar, Japanese yen, euro, and British pound. Major trading partners include the U.S., Japan, European Monetary Union and the U.K. The broad basket is composed of the currencies of Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Hong Kong, while the narrow basket is composed of the currencies of Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand.

¹² The REER index is derived from the NEER index adjusted for inflation.



EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATE INDICES OF THE PESO							
For periods indicated							
December 1980=100							
		NEER			REER		
		MTP ^{1/}	CC		MTP ^{1/}	CC	
			Broad ^{2/}	Narrow ^{3/}		Broad ^{2/}	Narrow ^{3/}
2006	Jan	12.74	28.13	55.99	67.88	107.09	153.57
	Feb	13.05	28.25	55.92	70.07	107.89	153.49
	Mar	13.16	28.43	55.97	70.78	109.00	153.67
	Qtr 1	12.98	28.27	55.96	69.58	108.00	153.58
	Apr	13.02	27.91	54.68	69.79	106.30	148.13
	May	12.52	27.36	53.87	67.13	104.73	148.90
	June	12.38	27.39	54.36	66.92	106.77	152.28
	Qtr 2	12.64	27.55	54.30	67.95	105.94	149.77
	Jul	12.57	27.54	54.29	68.84	108.22	152.87
	Aug	12.78	28.07	55.16	70.13	110.82	156.62
	Sep	13.08	28.62	56.29	71.25	111.72	157.78
	Qtr 3	12.81	28.08	55.25	70.07	110.25	155.76
	Oct	13.26	28.90	56.86	72.51	111.56	157.45
	Nov	13.18	28.72	56.55	72.40	112.04	156.32
	Dec	13.16	28.66	56.33	72.12	112.00	155.07
	Qtr 4	13.20	28.76	56.58	72.34	111.86	156.28
Ave Jan-Dec	12.91	28.17	55.52	69.99	109.01	153.85	
2007	Jan	13.45	28.93	56.54	73.32	113.01	154.01
	Feb	13.58	29.16	56.74	73.53	113.00	152.95
	Mar	13.41	29.09	56.59	72.32	112.48	152.61
	Qtr 1	13.48	29.06	56.62	73.06	112.83	153.19
	Apr	13.55	29.31	56.86	72.92	112.92	151.64
	May	13.89	29.66	57.05	74.83	115.24	155.66
	Jun	14.16	30.23	58.41	76.88	119.17	161.55
	Qtr 2	13.87	29.73	57.44	74.88	115.78	156.29
	Jul	14.20	30.44	58.89	78.41	121.34	163.95
	Aug	13.97	30.67	59.91	77.33	122.12	167.64
	Sep	13.82	30.61	59.90	75.84	120.16	166.25
	Qtr 3	14.00	30.58	59.56	77.19	121.21	165.61
	Oct	14.28	31.22	60.84	78.16	120.30	165.68
	Nov	14.37	32.15	62.97	78.99	125.83	171.72
	Dec	14.97	33.37	65.20	82.72	130.15	178.28
	Qtr 4	14.54	32.25	63.00	79.96	125.43	171.89
Ave Jan-Dec	13.97	30.40	59.16	76.27	118.81	161.75	
2008	Jan	15.10	34.09	66.61	83.68	133.59	180.86
	Feb	15.17	34.05	66.47	83.96	132.01	178.78
	Mar	14.55	33.35	64.84	80.85	130.47	175.44
	Qtr 1	14.94	33.83	65.97	82.83	132.02	178.36
Memo Items:							
% Change, y-o-y							
2007	Qtr 1	3.9	2.8	1.2	5.0	4.5	-0.3
	Qtr 2	9.7	7.9	5.8	10.2	9.3	4.4
	Qtr 3	9.3	8.9	7.8	10.2	9.9	6.3
	Qtr 4	10.2	12.1	11.3	10.5	12.1	10.0
2008	Qtr 1	10.8	16.4	16.5	13.4	17.0	16.4

1/ Major trading partners: USA, Japan, European Monetary Union (EMU) and United Kingdom

2/ Competing countries (broad basket): Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia.

3/ Competing countries (narrow basket): Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand.

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in million U.S. dollars

ITEM	2008 ^{P1}			Q1		Growth Rate	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	2008	2007	2008	2007
CURRENT ACCOUNT	283	722	198	1203	1971	-39.0	122.5
(as percent of GNP)				2.6	5.8		
(as percent of GDP)				2.9	6.3		
Goods and Services	-755	-469	-805	-2029	-786	-158.1	51.6
(as percent of GNP)				-4.5	-2.3		
(as percent of GDP)				-4.9	-2.5		
Export	5017	4716	5092	14825	13876	6.8	12.1
Import	5772	5185	5897	16854	14662	15.0	4.7
Goods 1/	-929	-532	-1104	-2565	-1032	-148.5	31.8
(as percent of GNP)				-5.6	-3.0		
(as percent of GDP)				-6.2	-3.3		
Credit: Exports	4140	4042	4117	12299	11931	3.1	9.0
Debit: Imports	5069	4574	5221	14864	12963	14.7	4.0
Services	174	63	299	536	246	117.9	321.6
Credit: Exports	877	674	975	2526	1945	29.9	35.9
Debit: Imports	703	611	676	1990	1699	17.1	10.2
Income	-191	79	-296	-408	-658	38.0	-64.1
Credit: Receipts	429	605	649	1683	1154	45.8	9.5
Debit: Payments	620	526	945	2091	1812	15.4	24.5
Current Transfers	1229	1112	1299	3640	3415	6.6	17.3
Credit: Receipts	1257	1140	1334	3731	3493	6.8	17.2
Debit: Payments	28	28	35	91	78	16.7	13.0
CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	-667	718	35	86	403	-78.7	-71.2
Capital Account	10	7	6	23	15	53.3	-85.4
Credit: Receipts	14	9	10	33	28	17.9	-75.0
Debit: Payments	4	2	4	10	13	-23.1	44.4
Financial Account	-677	711	29	63	388	-83.8	-70.1
Direct Investment	128	183	209	520	1316	-60.5	241.8
Debit: Assets, Residents' Investments Abroad	21	11	-1	31	72	-56.9	125.0
Credit: Liabilities, Non-Residents' Investments in the Phil.	149	194	208	551	1388	-60.3	232.9
Portfolio Investment	-662	1398	-484	252	171	47.4	-90.0
Debit: Assets, Residents' Investments Abroad	358	-461	-476	-579	1580	-136.6	181.1
Credit: Liabilities, Non-Residents' Investments in the Phil.	-304	937	-960	-327	1751	-118.7	-23.1
Financial Derivatives	-44	-46	2	-88	-60	-46.7	16.7
Debit: Assets, Residents' Investments Abroad	-36	-20	-36	-92	-30	-206.7	-36.4
Credit: Liabilities, Non-Residents' Investments in the Phil.	-80	-66	-34	-180	-90	-100.0	4.3
Other Investment	-99	-824	302	-621	-1039	40.2	-42.1
Debit: Assets, Residents' Investments Abroad	1661	-1509	-2463	-2311	643	-459.4	289.7
Credit: Liabilities, Non-Residents' Investments in the Phil.	1562	-2333	-2161	-2932	-396	-640.4	63.0
NET UNCLASSIFIED ITEMS	643	-391	172	424	-956	144.4	-479.4

OVERALL BOP POSITION	259	1049	405	1713	1418	20.8	-33.1
(as percent of GNP)				3.8	4.2		
(as percent of GDP)				4.2	4.5		
Debit: Change in Reserve Assets	263	1053	411	1727	1430	20.8	-25.3
Credit: Change in Reserve Liabilities	4	4	6	14	12	16.7	105.8
Use of Fund Credits	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	100.0
Short-term	4	4	6	14	12	16.7	110.3
Memo Items:							
Change in Commercial Banks' (KBs)	-492	204	940	652	-2062	131.6	-126.1
Net Foreign Assets (NFA)							
OFW Cash Remittances	1308	1303	1478	4089	3612	13.2	16.7
of which channeled thru the banking system	1264	1258	1428	3950	3489	13.2	24.0
Basic Balance	394	597	746	1737	3846	-54.8	545.3
Net Unclassified Items as Percent of total Trade	7.0	-4.5	1.8	1.6	-3.8		
p/ preliminary							
1/ Data on goods import for 2006 and 2007 were adjusted to reflect preliminary adjustments on the valuation of raw materials for electronics and garments exports.							
Technical Notes:							
1. Balances in the current and capital and financial accounts excluding reserves are derived by deducting debit entries from credit entries.							
2. Overall BOP position is determined by deducting change in reserve liabilities from change in reserve assets.							
3. Net unclassified items is an offsetting account to the overstatement or understatement in either receipts or payments of the recorded BOP components vis-à-vis the overall BOP position.							
4. Change in KBs NFA as a BOP entry is derived by deducting foreign assets from foreign liabilities, consistent with the principle described in technical note No. 1. This includes assigned capital of foreign banks in local branches that are converted to pesos.							
5. Basic balance represents a BOP position that excludes transactions that are volatile and are in the short run susceptible to being reversed. It is derived using the following formula: Overall BOP position less (Net portfolio investments + net short-term liabilities) less errors and omissions. In the old BOP series, all transactions in assets and liabilities of commercial banks were deemed to be long-term. With the refinements in the new series on the maturity structure of KBs' transactions, short-term financial transactions of KBs are now excluded from the basic balance.							

2 GOODS

in million U.S. dollars

ITEM	2008 p/			Q1		Growth Rate	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	2008	2007	2008	2007
GOODS	-929	-532	-1104	-2565	-1032	-148.5	31.8
EXPORTS	4140	4042	4117	12299	11931	3.1	9.0
IMPORTS	5069	4574	5221	14864	12963	14.7	4.0
General Merchandise	-1037	-753	-1324	-3114	-1587	-96.2	24.4
General Merchandise Exports, fob	2964	2914	2867	8745	7655	14.2	1.7
Exports of goods in trade statistics, fob	4231	4112	4193	12536	12182	2.9	9.2
Less: Adjustments	-1267	-1198	-1326	-3791	-4527	16.3	-24.8
For Coverage	-91	-70	-76	-237	-251	5.6	-20.7
For Classification	-1176	-1128	-1250	-3554	-4276	16.9	-25.1
For Valuation	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
For Timing	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.0
General Merchandise Imports, fob	4001	3667	4191	11859	9242	28.3	-4.0
Imports of goods in trade statistics, fob	4993	4491	5122	14606	11971	22.0	5.5
Less: Adjustments	-992	-824	-931	-2747	-2729	-0.7	-58.6
For Coverage	23	21	44	88	-9	1077.8	89.8
For Classification	-1068	-907	-1030	-3005	-3721	19.2	-31.4
For Valuation	53	62	55	170	1001	-83.0	-16.5
For Timing	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Goods for processing: (On consignment)	133	240	267	640	584	9.6	-6.6
Exports	1146	1101	1219	3466	4212	-17.7	24.9
Imports	1013	861	952	2826	3628	-22.1	32.0
Processing Abroad:	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Exports	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Imports	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Processing in the compiling economy	133	240	267	640	584	9.6	-6.6
Exports	1146	1101	1219	3466	4212	-17.7	24.9
Imports	1013	861	952	2826	3628	-22.1	32.0
Repairs on goods:	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Goods procured in ports by carriers	-32	-26	-54	-112	-46	-143.5	-31.4
Exports	23	20	24	67	47	42.6	147.4
Imports	55	46	78	179	93	92.5	72.2
Nonmonetary Gold	7	7	7	21	17	23.5	666.7
Exports	7	7	7	21	17	23.5	-37.0
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	-100.0
Held as a store of value (Gold Bullion)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	-100.0
Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	-100.0
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Others (Industrial Gold)	7	7	7	21	17	23.5	241.7
Exports	7	7	7	21	17	23.5	-5.6
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	-100.0

p/ - preliminary

n.a. - data not available

Adjustments to general merchandise exports/imports:

For coverage: Returned goods and temporary exports/imports are deducted from NSO totals.

For classification: a) Exports and imports on consignment are reclassified from general merchandise to goods for processing

b) Industrial gold and gold bullion are reclassified from general merchandise to non-monetary gold

c) Repairs on goods cover repair activity on goods provided to or received from non-residents on ships, aircrafts, etc.

2.1 EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS

for periods indicated

Vol. in 000 metric tons; unit price in U.S.\$/m.t.; fob value in million U.S. dollars

Commodities	Jan-08			Feb-08			Mar-08			Q1						Growth Rates (%)					
	Vol.	Price	Value	Vol.	Price	Value	Vol.	Price	Value	2008 ^P			2007 ^P			2008			2007		
										Vol.	Price	Value	Vol.	Price	Value	Vol.	Price	Value	Vol.	Price	Value
Coconut Products			145			86			99			330			117			182.1			-33.9
Copra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Coconut Oil	122	1068	130	60	1098	66	66	1246	82	248	1123	278	111	663	74	123.4	69.4	275.7	-57.4	26.5	-45.8
Desiccated Coconut	8	1275	10	10	1327	13	8	1351	10	25	1318	33	31	1112	35	-19.4	18.5	-5.7	-3.9	7.7	5.0
Copra Meal/Cake	38	111	4	61	113	7	53	123	6	151	116	18	122	54	7	23.8	114.8	157.1	2.2	23.9	34.5
Others			--			--			1					2				0.0			-0.3
Sugar and Products			1			13			1			15			20			-25.0			-24.9
Centrifugal & Refined	1	380	--	42	292	12	2	380	1	45	297	13	50	332	17	-10.0	-10.5	-23.5	-5.9	-11.6	-14.8
Molasses	--	83	--	7	87	1	0	0	0	8	87	1	30	92	3	-73.3	-5.4	-66.7	-50.6	-5.7	-49.4
Others			--			--			--					1				0.0			37.3
Fruits and Vegetables			53			61			56			171			168			1.8			2.1
Canned Pineapple	14	667	9	16	694	11	14	751	10	44	703	31	35	627	22	25.7	12.1	40.9	-2.2	16.8	14.5
Pineapple Juice	6	418	3	9	433	4	6	445	3	21	432	9	15	437	7	40.0	-1.1	28.6	12.2	79.7	115.2
Pineapple Concentrates	3	936	3	4	860	3	2	882	2	9	890	8	11	853	9	-18.2	4.3	-11.1	15.7	19.3	32.4
Bananas	148	187	28	175	186	33	155	179	28	479	184	88	504	180	91	-5.0	2.2	-3.3	-3.2	1.2	-1.7
Mangoes	1	1006	1	2	783	1	2	923	2	5	895	4	7	745	5	-28.6	20.1	-20.0	11.3	-16.2	-10.6
Others			10			9			11					30				-11.8			-8.3
Other Agro-Based Products			40			45			41			126			113			11.5			15.5
Fish, Fresh or Preserved	6	3046	19	8	2637	21	9	2303	20	23	2619	60	25	2395	59	-8.0	9.4	1.7	14.1	1.6	14.3
Of which: Shrimps & Prawns	--	6545	--	--	5264	--	--	5325	--	--	5729	1	1	6133	4	0.0	-6.6	-75.0	3.1	-0.9	-33.4
Coffee, Raw, not Roasted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0 #	0.0	0.0	0.0
Abaca Fibers	1	1488	2	1	1464	1	1	1490	1	3	1482	4	14	354	5	-78.6	318.6	-20.0	302.2	-64.3	44.9
Tobacco, Unmanufactured	1	3455	3	2	2956	6	2	1550	2	4	2560	11	4	1776	7	0.0	44.1	57.1	13.3	6.2	18.5
Natural Rubber	3	1160	4	4	1378	6	3	1363	4	10	1308	13	13	716	9	-23.1	82.7	44.4	43.8	-35.7	-10.6
Ramie Fibers, Raw or Processed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Seaweeds, Dried	2	2676	4	2	1362	2	1	1977	3	5	2002	9	3	1533	5	66.7	30.6	80.0	-42.6	24.7	-22.2
Rice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others			9			9			11					29				3.6			37.9
Forest Products 1/			3			3			2			8			10			-20.0			74.1
Logs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lumber	10	50	1	17	113	2	23	43	1	50	68	3	43	97	4	16.3	-29.9	-25.0	128.3	-30.0	53.3
Plywood	3	776	2	2	628	1	5	100	1	10	377	4	11	459	5	-9.1	-17.9	-20.0	163.4	-7.4	141.5
Veneer Sheets/Corestocks	1	775	--	--	821	--	1	389	--	1	640	1	1	611	1	0.0	4.7	0.0	-39.8	22.7	20.9
Others			--			--			--					--				0.0			0.0
Mineral Products			185			182			196			563			525			7.2			83.5
Copper Concentrates	8	1013	8	5	1420	7	5	1841	9	18	1358	25	18	1426	26	0.0	-4.8	-3.8	21.0	67.4	105.3
Copper Metal	13	6703	89	13	6529	85	12	7771	95	39	6982	270	48	6221	300	-18.8	12.2	-10.0	44.3	35.5	96.4
Gold 2/	9	1	7	8	1	7	9	1	7	25	811	21	29	619	18	-13.8	31.0	16.7	51.9	22.0	85.8
Iron Ore Agglomerates	209	29	6	410	29	12	478	29	14	1097	29	32	1537	28	42	-28.6	3.6	-23.8	16.9	-6.6	6.6
Chromium Ore	24	19	--	17	19	--	50	36	2	91	29	3	27	82	2	237.0	-64.6	50.0	38.5	6.9	33.7
Nickel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others			74			70			69					213				55.5			95.7
Petroleum Products			106			124			90			320			153			109.2			-30.9
Manufactures			3521			3485			3581			10587			10709			-1.1			8.5
Elec & Elec Eqpt/Parts & Telecom			2609			2457			2448			7514			7868			-4.5			9.3
Other Electronics			100			120			131			351			277			26.7			24.2
Garments			172			177			167			516			594			-13.1			-7.4
Textile Yarns/Fabrics			15			18			16			49			51			-3.9			-10.4
Footwear			3			4			3			9			9			0.0			34.1
Travel Goods and Handbags			3			8			11			22			4			450.0			-57.6
Wood Manufactures			56			68			86			210			180			16.7			-6.3
Furnitures & Fixtures			17			23			22			62			58			6.9			-14.6
Chemicals			85			82			128			294			244			20.5			40.2
Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures			16			18			18			51			54			-5.6			34.9
Machinery & Transport Equipment			155			165			170			491			426			15.3			-1.0
Processed Food and Beverages			50			60			74			183			152			20.4			28.4
Iron & Steel			15			25			16			56			66			-15.2			92.4
Baby Carr., Toys, Games & Sporting Goods			10			10			9			29			30			-3.3			11.6
Basketwork, Wickerwork, & Other																					
Articles of Plating Materials			4			5			5			13			15			-13.3			-8.7
Misc. Manufactured Articles, n.e.s.			22			31			30			83			79			5.1			-7.9
Others			191			216			246			654			601			8.8			10.8
Special Transactions			176			113			128			417			366			13.9			18.1
TOTAL EXPORTS, as per NSO Foreign Trade Statistics			4231			4112			4193			12536			12182			2.9			9.2
Conceptual and coverage adjustments			-91			-70			-76			-237			-251			5.6			-20.7
TOTAL EXPORTS, BPM5			4140			4042			4117			12299			11931			3.1			9.0

... Less than one thousand metric tons

1/ Volume in 000 cubic meters; unit price in US\$/cu.m.

-- Less than one million US\$

2/ Volume in 000 troy ounces; unit price in US\$/oz. t.

^P Preliminary

Components may not add up to total due to rounding.

2.2 IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY GROUP

for the periods indicated
volume in 000 metric tons; unit price in U.S.\$/mt; f.o.b. value in million U.S. dollars

Commodities	Jan-08			Feb-08			Mar-08			Q1						Growth Rates (%)					
	2008 ^{P1}		Val.	2007		Val.	2008 ^{P1}		Val.	2007		Val.	2008			2007			Val.		
	Vol.	Price		Vol.	Price		Vol.	Price		Vol.	Price		Vol.	Price	Vol.	Price	Val.	Vol.		Price	Val.
Capital Goods			734			728			847			2309			2115			9.2			4.0
Power Generating & Specialized Machines			188			193			205			587			527			11.4			3.1
Office & EDP Machines			251			253			257			760			793			-4.2			10.9
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.			190			125			191			505			416			21.4			-5.7
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger Cars & Motorized Cycle			45			49			64			158			150			5.3			-10.7
Aircraft, Ships & Boats			20			73			88			180			119			51.3			29.3
Prof. Sci. & Cont. Inst.; Photo- graphic Eqpt. & Optical Goods			41			35			42			119			109			9.2			1.9
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods			2863			2486			2568			7915			8177			-3.2			8.0
Unprocessed Raw Materials			142			145			141			430			433			-0.7			10.5
Wheat	123	309	38	238	341	81	188	385	72	549	349	192	466	195	91	17.8	79.0	111.0	-43.8	34.5	-24.2
Corn	1	531	0	1	1140	1	3	864	2	4	842	3	3	763	2	33.3	10.4	50.0	-98.0	422.6	-90.9
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn			1			0			0			3			1			0.0			0.0
Crude materials, inedible			92			49			56			196			291			-32.6			30.5
Pulp & waste paper			6			4			6			16			18			-11.1			12.5
Cotton	1	1510	2	1	1446	1	2	1468	2	4	1479	5	4	1235	4	0.0	19.8	25.0	-42.9	2.1	-56.6
Syn. fibers	3	2254	6	3	1875	5	3	1911	7	9	2003	18	11	1520	17	-18.2	31.8	5.9	10.0	-7.5	6.3
Metalliferous ores			49			6			8			63			136			-53.7			58.1
Others			29			32			33			94			116			-19.0			20.8
Tobacco, unmanufactured			11			14			11			36			48			-25.0			84.6
Semi-Processed Raw Materials			2721			2341			2427			7485			7744			-3.3			7.9
Feeding stuffs for animals	82	356	29	184	390	72	184	391	72	450	384	173	542	248	134	-17.0	54.8	29.1	29.4	2.5	32.7
Animal & vegetable oils & fats			17			11			18			46			54			-14.8			38.5
Chemical			379			366			439			1183			932			26.9			10.7
Chemical compounds			107			92			121			320			260			23.1			22.1
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chemicals			48			52			66			167			147			13.6			11.4
Urea	55	293	16	63	328	21	17	313	5	136	312	42	112	171	19	21.4	82.5	121.1	28.7	-9.5	11.8
Fertilizer excl. urea	86	290	25	41	326	13	123	300	37	249	301	75	203	151	31	22.7	99.3	141.9	-4.2	12.7	10.7
Artificial resins			96			96			103			295			234			26.1			6.8
Others			87			106			106			284			241			17.8			3.4
Manufactured goods			325			283			352			958			915			4.7			6.6
Paper & paper products	57	700	40	56	686	38	60	738	45	173	709	122	168	689	116	3.0	2.9	5.2	-2.9	10.8	7.4
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles			63			42			61			166			194			-14.4			-2.5
Non-metallic mineral mftures.			21			18			21			60			45			33.3			-10.0
Iron & steel	143	743	106	164	597	98	236	560	132	542	620	336	1193	208	249	-54.6	198.1	34.9	196.0	-59.8	19.7
Non-ferrous metals			43			42			40			125			126			-0.8			-16.6
Metal products			29			27			31			87			122			-28.7			50.6
Others			23			17			21			62			63			-1.6			3.3
Embroideries			67			73			67			207			238			-13.0			3.0
Mat/Acc for the mfr. of elect. eqpt.			1904			1519			1469			4892			5453			-10.3			7.1
Iron ore, not agglomerated	0	0	0	477	35	17	212	45	10	689	38	26	488	36	18	41.2	5.6	44.4	-37.5	89.5	20.0
Mineral Fuels & Lubricant			1029			845			1169			3043			1660			83.3			-10.1
Coal, Coke	521	49	26	259	37	10	312	47	15	1093	46	50	1265	43	54	-13.6	7.0	-7.4	18.7	2.4	20.0
Petroleum Crude ^{1/}	6.85	95.70	656	4.68	93.39	437	6.31	94.82	599	17.85	94.78	1692	13.15	59.75	786	35.7	58.6	115.3	-28.3	7.5	-22.9
Others ^{1/}	3.14	110.79	348	3.85	103.54	398	4.73	117.62	556	11.71	111.17	1302	11.31	72.49	820	3.5	53.4	58.8	-4.2	9.4	4.9
Consumer Goods			353			435			529			1318			860			53.3			-3.3
Durable			158			180			216			554			419			32.2			25.8
Passenger cars & motorized cycle			74			103			118			296			213			39.0			50.0
Home appliances			22			27			22			72			50			44.0			11.1
Misc. manufactures			61			50			75			186			156			19.2			7.6
Non-Durable			196			256			313			764			441			73.2			-20.7
Food & live animals chiefly for food			182			245			299			726			410			77.1			-21.0
Dairy products	22	3302	72	23	3097	73	24	3501	84	69	3302	229	72	1713	123	-4.2	92.8	86.2	2.9	4.7	7.9
Fish & fish preparation	19	660	12	13	627	8	14	509	7	46	605	28	36	588	21	27.8	2.9	33.3	-7.7	25.1	16.7
Rice	6	391	2	174	416	72	216	419	91	396	417	165	79	323	25	401.3	29.1	560.0	-87.5	17.9	-85.6
Fruits & vegetables			17			16			20			52			39			33.3			11.4
Others			79			76			98			253			201			25.9			13.6
Beverages & tobacco mfture.			5			4			5			15			9			66.7			-35.7
Articles of apparel, access.			8			7			9			24			21			14.3			-8.7
Special Transactions			66			60			64			191			160			19.4			-23.1
Articles temporarily imported & exported			20			17			21			58			75			-22.7			-21.1
Others			46			43			43			133			85			56.5			-24.8
TOTAL IMPORTS^{2/}																					
Trade Statistics			5046			4553			5177			14776			12972			13.9			3.4
Conceptual and Coverage Adjustments ^{3/}			23			21			44			88			-9			-1077.8			-89.8
TOTAL IMPORTS, BPMS			5069			4574			5221			14864			12963			14.7			4.0

^{1/} Volume in million barrels; unit price in U.S.\$/barrel

-- Less than one million US dollars
.. Less than one thousand metric tons

* include raw materials for embroideries, manufacture of electrical machinery and equipment, and iron ore agglomerated

** include part of imports of metalliferous ores and part of special transactions

^{2/} Include valuation adjustments to NSO data.

^{P1} Preliminary

Note: Valuation adjustments include:

a.) Adjustments to NSO's raw material imports for electronics exports for 2007.

b.) Adjustments to NSO's raw material imports for garments for 2007 and 2008.

Components may not add up to total due to rounding.

3 SERVICES

in million U.S. dollars

ITEM	2008 p/			Q1		Growth Rate	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	2008	2007	2008	2007
SERVICES	174	63	299	536	246	117.9	321.6
EXPORTS	877	674	975	2526	1945	29.9	35.9
IMPORTS	703	611	676	1990	1699	17.1	10.2
Transportation	-231	-210	-244	-685	-547	-25.2	-0.6
Exports	111	99	105	315	331	-4.8	18.2
Imports	342	309	349	1000	878	13.9	6.6
of which: Passenger	8	2	9	19	56	-66.1	-6.7
Exports	48	42	48	138	146	-5.5	15.0
Imports	40	40	39	119	90	32.2	34.3
of which: Freight	-238	-212	-250	-700	-610	-14.8	-1.0
Exports	41	40	41	122	122	0.0	9.9
Imports	279	252	291	822	732	12.3	2.4
of which: Other	-1	0	-3	-4	7	-157.1	0.0
Exports	22	17	16	55	63	-12.7	50.0
Imports	23	17	19	59	56	5.4	33.3
Travel	287	160	299	746	804	-7.2	101.5
Exports	437	327	465	1229	1161	5.9	67.3
Imports	150	167	166	483	357	35.3	21.0
Communication services	26	26	24	76	111	-31.5	-17.8
Exports	35	31	29	95	132	-28.0	-16.5
Imports	9	5	5	19	21	-9.5	-8.7
Construction services	6	3	-1	8	8	0.0	-42.9
Exports	7	4	4	15	15	0.0	-6.3
Imports	1	1	5	7	7	0.0	250.0
Insurance services	-18	-18	-21	-57	-53	-7.5	-1.9
Exports	3	1	1	5	6	-16.7	100.0
Imports	21	19	22	62	59	5.1	7.3
Financial services	1	-10	1	-8	-37	78.4	11.9
Exports	9	5	9	23	23	0.0	15.0
Imports	8	15	8	31	60	-48.3	-3.2
Computer and Information services	26	18	24	68	4	1600.0	-69.2
Exports	31	22	28	81	20	305.0	-39.4
Imports	5	4	4	13	16	-18.8	-20.0
Royalties and license fees	-28	-23	-28	-79	-61	-29.5	12.9
Exports	1	1	0	2	2	0.0	100.0
Imports	29	24	28	81	63	28.6	-11.3
Other business services	123	135	263	521	51	921.6	0.0
Exports	241	183	333	757	250	202.8	16.3
Imports	118	48	70	236	199	18.6	21.3
Merchanting and other trade-related services	2	2	3	7	3	133.3	-50.0
Exports	2	2	3	7	3	133.3	-50.0
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Operational leasing services	-7	-7	-7	-21	-20	-5.0	-17.6
Exports	1	1	0	2	1	100.0	-50.0
Imports	8	8	7	23	21	9.5	10.5
Misc. business, professional and technical services	128	140	267	535	68	686.8	9.7
Exports	238	180	330	748	246	204.1	18.8
Imports	110	40	63	213	178	19.7	22.8
Personal, cultural and recreational services	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0.0	-111.1
Exports	2	1	1	4	5	-20.0	-54.5
Imports	2	1	2	5	6	-16.7	200.0
Audio-Visual and related services	0	0	-2	-2	-1	-100.0	-110.0
Exports	1	1	0	2	3	-33.3	-72.7
Imports	1	1	2	4	4	0.0	300.0
Other personal, cultural and recreational services	0	0	1	1	0	0.0	100.0
Exports	1	0	1	2	2	0.0	0.0
Imports	1	0	0	1	2	-50.0	100.0
Government services, n.i.e.	-18	-18	-17	-53	-33	-60.6	-37.5
Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Imports	18	18	17	53	33	60.6	37.5

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4 INCOME

in million U.S. dollars

ITEM	2008 p/			Q1		Growth Rate	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	2008	2007	2008	2007
INCOME	-191	79	-296	-408	-658	38.0	-64.1
RECEIPTS	429	605	649	1683	1154	45.8	9.5
PAYMENTS	620	526	945	2091	1812	15.4	24.5
Compensation of emp. incl. border, seasonal, and other workers	231	394	398	1023	720	42.1	13.2
Receipts	231	394	398	1023	720	42.1	13.2
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Investment Income	-422	-315	-694	-1431	-1378	-3.8	-32.9
Receipts	198	211	251	660	434	52.1	3.8
Payments	620	526	945	2091	1812	15.4	24.5
Direct Investment Income	-254	-96	-166	-516	-558	7.5	-25.7
Receipts	7	6	0	13	2	550.0	-50.0
Payments	261	102	166	529	560	-5.5	25.0
Income on Equity	-253	-95	-145	-493	-510	3.3	-21.7
Receipts	7	6	0	13	1	1200.0	-75.0
Payments	260	101	145	506	511	-1.0	20.8
Dividends and distributed branch profits	-223	-50	-120	-393	-378	-4.0	-26.4
Receipts	7	6	0	13	1	1200.0	-75.0
Payments	230	56	120	406	379	7.1	25.1
Reinvested earnings and undistributed branch profits	-30	-45	-25	-100	-132	24.2	-10.0
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Payments	30	45	25	100	132	-24.2	10.0
Income on debt (interest)	-1	-1	-21	-23	-48	52.1	-92.0
Receipts	0	0	0	0	1	-100.0	0.0
Payments	1	1	21	23	49	-53.1	96.0
Portfolio Investment Income	-146	-157	-446	-749	-589	-27.2	-66.4
Receipts	102	128	164	394	227	73.6	-8.1
Payments	248	285	610	1143	816	40.1	35.8
Income on Equity (dividends)	-25	-87	-373	-485	-169	-187.0	-108.6
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Payments	25	87	373	485	169	187.0	108.6
Monetary authorities	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Banks	-25	0	-10	-35	-7	-400.0	0.0
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Payments	25	0	10	35	7	400.0	0.0
Other sectors	0	-87	-363	-450	-162	-177.8	-100.0
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Payments	0	87	363	450	162	177.8	100.0
Income on debt (interest)	-121	-70	-73	-264	-420	37.1	-53.8
Receipts	102	128	164	394	227	73.6	-8.1
Payments	223	198	237	658	647	1.7	24.4
Bonds and notes	-121	-71	-73	-265	-423	37.4	-50.5
Receipts	102	127	164	393	224	75.4	-6.3
Payments	223	198	237	658	647	1.7	24.4
Monetary authorities	77	83	133	293	140	109.3	-36.4
Receipts	77	83	133	293	140	109.3	-36.4
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General government	-204	-179	-177	-560	-548	-2.2	-23.7
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Payments	204	179	177	560	548	2.2	23.7
Banks	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other sectors	6	25	-29	2	-15	113.3	74.1
Receipts	25	44	31	100	84	19.0	342.1
Payments	19	19	60	98	99	-1.0	28.6
Money market instruments	0	1	0	1	3	-66.7	-62.5
Receipts	0	1	0	1	3	-66.7	-62.5
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0

4 INCOME

in million U.S. dollars

ITEM	2008 p/			Q1		Growth Rate	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	2008	2007	2008	2007
Monetary authorities	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Banks	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other sectors	0	1	0	1	3	-66.7	-62.5
Receipts	0	1	0	1	3	-66.7	-62.5
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other investment income	-22	-62	-82	-166	-231	28.1	3.3
Receipts	89	77	87	253	205	23.4	22.8
Payments	111	139	169	419	436	-3.9	7.4
Monetary authorities	34	26	25	85	74	14.9	25.4
Receipts	34	26	25	85	80	6.3	9.6
Payments	0	0	0	0	6	-100.0	-57.1
General government	-23	-57	-44	-124	-123	-0.8	-3.4
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Payments	23	57	44	124	123	0.8	3.4
Banks	-3	-15	-45	-63	-91	30.8	7.1
Receipts	51	47	46	144	107	34.6	98.1
Payments	54	62	91	207	198	4.5	30.3
Other sectors	-30	-16	-18	-64	-91	29.7	-12.3
Receipts	4	4	16	24	18	33.3	-55.0
Payments	34	20	34	88	109	-19.3	-9.9

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5 CURRENT TRANSFERS

in million U.S. dollars

ITEM	2008 p/			Q1		Growth Rate	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	2008	2007	2008	2007
CURRENT TRANSFERS	1229	1112	1299	3640	3415	6.6	17.3
RECEIPTS	1257	1140	1334	3731	3493	6.8	17.2
PAYMENTS	28	28	35	91	78	16.7	13.0
General government	-1	18	20	37	78	-52.6	6.8
Receipts	9	27	30	66	104	-36.5	7.2
Payments	10	9	10	29	26	11.5	8.3
Other sectors	1230	1094	1279	3603	3337	8.0	17.6
Receipts	1248	1113	1304	3665	3389	8.1	17.6
Payments	18	19	25	62	52	19.2	15.6
Workers' remittances	1187	1048	1229	3464	3209	7.9	17.5
Receipts	1187	1048	1229	3464	3209	7.9	17.5
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other transfers	43	46	50	139	128	8.6	18.5
Receipts	61	65	75	201	180	11.7	17.6
Payments	18	19	25	62	52	19.2	15.6

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6 CAPITAL ACCOUNT

in million U.S. dollars

ITEM	2008 p/			Q1		Growth Rate	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	2008	2007	2008	2007
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	10	7	6	23	15	53.3	-85.4
RECEIPTS	14	9	10	33	28	17.9	-75.0
PAYMENTS	4	2	4	10	13	-23.1	44.4
Capital transfers	10	7	6	23	15	53.3	-85.4
Receipts	14	9	10	33	28	17.9	-75.0
Payments	4	2	4	10	13	-23.1	44.4
General government	8	7	9	24	21	14.3	40.0
Receipts	8	7	9	24	21	14.3	40.0
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Debt forgiveness	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other	8	7	9	24	21	14.3	40.0
Receipts	8	7	9	24	21	14.3	40.0
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other sectors	2	0	-3	-1	-6	83.3	-106.8
Receipts	6	2	1	9	7	28.6	-92.8
Payments	4	2	4	10	13	-23.1	44.4
Migrants transfers	-2	0	-3	-5	-8	37.5	-300.0
Receipts	1	2	1	4	4	0.0	33.3
Payments	3	2	4	9	12	-25.0	140.0
Debt forgiveness	3	0	0	3	0	0.0	-100.0
Receipts	3	0	0	3	0	0.0	-100.0
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other	1	0	0	1	2	-50.0	300.0
Receipts	2	0	0	2	3	-33.3	0.0
Payments	1	0	0	1	1	0.0	-75.0
Acquisition/disposal of nonproduced,	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
nonfinancial assets							
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0

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7 DIRECT INVESTMENT

in million U.S. dollars

ITEM	2008 p/			Q1		Growth Rate	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	2008	2007	2008	2007
DIRECT INVESTMENT	128	183	209	520	1316	-60.5	241.8
ASSETS : Residents' Investments Abroad	21	11	-1	31	72	-56.9	125.0
Equity capital	21	11	-1	31	72	-56.9	125.0
Claims on affiliated enterprises	21	11	-1	31	72	-56.9	125.0
Liabilities to affiliated enterprises	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Reinvested earnings	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Other Capital	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Claims on affiliated enterprises	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Liabilities to affiliated enterprises	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
LIABILITIES : Non-residents' Investments in the Philippines	149	194	208	551	1388	-60.3	232.9
Equity capital	87	31	75	193	685	-71.8	164.5
Claims on direct investors	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Liabilities to direct investors	87	31	75	193	685	-71.8	164.5
Reinvested earnings	30	45	25	100	132	-24.2	10.0
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Liabilities	30	45	25	100	132	-24.2	10.0
Other Capital	32	118	108	258	571	-54.8	1402.6
Claims on direct investors	22	-101	-109	-188	131	-243.5	-4.4
Liabilities to direct investors	54	17	-1	70	702	-90.0	301.1

Note: Balance is derived by deducting assets from liabilities.

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8 PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT

in million U.S. dollars

ITEM	2008 p/			Q1		Growth Rate	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	2008	2007	2008	2007
PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT	-662	1398	-484	252	171	47.4	-90.0
ASSETS : Residents' Investments Abroad	358	-461	-476	-579	1580	-136.6	181.1
Equity securities	0	1	-25	-24	-5	-380.0	-600.0
Monetary Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General Government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Banks	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other sectors	0	1	-25	-24	-5	-380.0	-600.0
Debt securities	358	-462	-451	-555	1585	-135.0	182.5
Bonds and notes	114	-242	101	-27	712	-103.8	256.0
Monetary Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General Government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Banks	141	-244	149	46	396	-88.4	75.2
Other sectors	-27	2	-48	-73	316	-123.1	1315.4
Money-market instruments	244	-220	-552	-528	873	-160.5	141.8
Monetary Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General Government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Banks	219	-247	-578	-606	829	-173.1	379.2
Other sectors	25	27	26	78	44	77.3	-76.6
LIABILITIES : Non-residents' Investments in the Philippines	-304	937	-960	-327	1751	-118.7	-23.1
Equity securities	-345	300	-117	-162	1094	-114.8	85.1
Banks	-1	0	0	-1	85	-101.2	-7.6
Other sectors	-344	300	-117	-161	1009	-116.0	102.2
Debt securities	41	637	-843	-165	657	-125.1	-61.0
Bonds and notes	41	637	-843	-165	661	-125.0	-60.8
Monetary Authorities	-4	0	-1	-5	-30	83.3	67.0
General Government	8	645	-130	523	403	29.8	-67.5
Banks	-5	-50	58	3	9	-66.7	-93.1
Other sectors	42	42	-770	-686	279	-345.9	-31.4
Money-market instruments	0	0	0	0	-4	100.0	0.0
Monetary Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General Government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Banks	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other sectors	0	0	0	0	-4	100.0	0.0

Note: Balance is derived by deducting assets from liabilities.
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9 FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES

in million U.S. dollars

ITEM	2008 p/			Q1		Growth Rate	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	2008	2007	2008	2007
FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES	-44	-46	2	-88	-60	-46.7	16.7
Monetary Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General Government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Banks	-44	-46	2	-88	-60	-46.7	16.7
Other sectors	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
ASSETS : Residents' Investments Abroad	-36	-20	-36	-92	-30	-206.7	-36.4
Monetary Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General Government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Banks	-36	-20	-36	-92	-30	-206.7	-36.4
Other sectors	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
LIABILITIES : Non-residents' Investments in the Philippines	-80	-66	-34	-180	-90	-100.0	4.3
Monetary Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General Government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Banks	-80	-66	-34	-180	-90	-100.0	4.3
Other sectors	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0

Note: Balance is derived by deducting assets from liabilities.

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10 OTHER INVESTMENT

in million U.S. dollars

ITEM	2008 p/			Q1		Growth Rate	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	2008	2007	2008	2007
OTHER INVESTMENT	-99	-824	302	-621	-1039	40.2	-42.1
ASSETS : Residents' Investments Abroad	1661	-1509	-2463	-2311	643	-459.4	289.7
Trade credits	1	-3	2	0	4	-100.0	-20.0
General government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Long-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Short-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other sectors	1	-3	2	0	4	-100.0	-20.0
Long-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Short-term	1	-3	2	0	4	-100.0	-20.0
Loans	1176	-1214	-2180	-2218	209	-1161.2	-45.4
Monetary authorities	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Long-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Short-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Long-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Short-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Banks	338	-153	-490	-305	533	-157.2	34.9
Long-term	-252	12	206	-34	92	-137.0	155.6
Short-term	590	-165	-696	-271	441	-161.5	22.8
Other sectors	838	-1061	-1690	-1913	-324	-490.4	-2600.0
Long-term	6	10	-657	-641	-267	-140.1	-186.1
Short-term	832	-1071	-1033	-1272	-57	-2131.6	82.3
Currency and deposits	478	-172	-532	-226	2730	-108.3	750.5
Monetary Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General Government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Banks	344	-185	-512	-353	2451	-114.4	354.7
Other sectors	134	13	-20	127	279	-54.5	228.0
Other Assets	6	-120	247	133	-2300	105.8	-119.5
Monetary authorities	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Long-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Short-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Long-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Short-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Banks	1	-123	259	137	-2298	106.0	-117.4
Long-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Short-term	1	-123	259	137	-2298	106.0	-117.4
Other sectors	5	3	-12	-4	-2	-100.0	-122.2
Long-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Short-term	5	3	-12	-4	-2	-100.0	-122.2
LIABILITIES : Non-residents' Investments in the Philippines	1562	-2333	-2161	-2932	-396	-640.4	63.0
Trade credits	443	-385	-202	-144	18	-900.0	-95.9
General government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Long-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Drawings	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Repayments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Short-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other sectors	443	-385	-202	-144	18	-900.0	-95.9
Long-term	-5	0	-1	-6	-57	89.5	-612.5
Drawings	0	0	0	0	3	-100.0	-70.0
Repayments	5	0	1	6	60	-90.0	233.3
Short-term	448	-385	-201	-138	75	-284.0	-83.0

10 OTHER INVESTMENT

in million U.S. dollars

ITEM	2008 p/			Q1		Growth Rate	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	2008	2007	2008	2007
Loans	698	-2036	-1178	-2516	-185	-1260.0	81.2
Monetary authorities	0	0	0	0	-122	100.0	0.0
Other long-term	0	0	0	0	-122	100.0	0.0
Drawings	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Repayments	0	0	0	0	122	-100.0	0.0
General government	-20	-92	-53	-165	672	-124.6	467.2
Long-term	-20	-92	-53	-165	672	-124.6	467.2
Drawings	28	63	72	163	1067	-84.7	447.2
Repayments	48	155	125	328	395	-17.0	4.5
Short-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Banks	117	-704	312	-275	-241	-14.1	65.8
Long-term	0	0	-2	-2	148	-101.4	0.0
Drawings	0	0	0	0	148	-100.0	0.0
Repayments	0	0	-2	-2	0	0.0	0.0
Short-term	117	-704	314	-273	-389	29.8	44.8
Other sectors	601	-1240	-1437	-2076	-494	-320.2	-425.5
Long-term	-204	-155	-64	-423	-212	-99.5	-25.4
Drawings	6	36	199	241	193	24.9	-43.4
Repayments	210	191	263	664	405	64.0	-20.6
Short-term	805	-1085	-1373	-1653	-282	-486.2	-476.0
Currency and deposits	358	96	-438	16	-172	109.3	65.7
Monetary Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General Government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Banks	354	86	-320	120	-22	645.5	84.8
Other sectors	4	10	-118	-104	-150	30.7	58.0
Other Liabilities	63	-8	-343	-288	-57	-405.3	-185.0
Monetary Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Long-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Short-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General Government	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Long-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Short-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Banks	47	-14	-290	-257	-50	-414.0	-85.2
Long-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Short-term	47	-14	-290	-257	-50	-414.0	-85.2
Other sectors	16	6	-53	-31	-7	-342.9	-200.0
Long-term	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Short-term	16	6	-53	-31	-7	-342.9	-200.0

Note: Balance is derived by deducting assets from liabilities.

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11 OVERALL BOP POSITION: TRANSACTIONS IN RESERVE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 1/
in million U.S. dollars

ITEM	2008 p/			Q1		Growth Rate	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	2008	2007	2008	2007
CHANGE IN NET RESERVES	259	1049	405	1713	1418	20.8	-33.1
CHANGE IN RESERVE ASSETS	263	1053	411	1727	1430	20.8	-25.3
Monetary gold	-54	-34	-30	-118	-150	21.3	22.7
Special drawing rights	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0.0	0.0
Reserves position in the Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Foreign Exchange	317	1088	441	1846	1581	16.8	-25.1
Currency and deposits	-969	-144	32	-1081	-767	-40.9	-138.7
Securities	1286	1232	409	2927	2348	24.7	1748.8
Equities	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Bonds and notes	1286	1232	409	2927	2348	24.7	1748.8
Money market instruments and financial derivatives	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other claims	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
CHANGE IN RESERVE LIABILITIES	4	4	6	14	12	16.7	105.8
Use of Fund Credit and loans	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	100.0
Short-term	4	4	6	14	12	16.7	110.3

Note: Balance is derived by deducting liabilities from assets.

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1/ - Revised to reflect the reclassification of released collaterals on Brady Bonds from non-IR to IR-eligible assets of the BSP. This is in line with the treatment of foreign investments under R.A. 7653 (New CB Act), which allows investments in securities even for maturities over 5 years to be included as part of the GIR.