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Foreword

Inflation Report is a quarterly publication of the Banco Central do Brasil with the objective of evaluating the performance of the inflation targeting system and providing a prospective scenario for inflation. The national and international economic conditions underlying decisions taken by the Monetary Policy Committee (Copom) concerning the monetary policy management are presented.

The *Report* is divided into six chapters: Activity level; Prices; Credit, monetary and fiscal policies; International economy; Foreign sector and Prospects for inflation. With regard to the activity level, growth in retail sales, inventories, output, labor market and investments are investigated. In the following chapter, price analysis focuses on the results obtained in the quarter as a consequence of monetary policy decisions and the real conditions of the economy outside the realm of government action. The chapter referring to the credit, monetary and fiscal policies, the analysis is centered on the behavior of credit, financial and budget operations. In the chapter dealing with the international economy, the *Report* presents an analysis of the world's major economies and seeks to identify those conditions capable of impacting the Brazilian balance of payments. Insofar as the foreign sector chapter is concerned, analysis is targeted at economic-financial relations with the international community, with emphasis on trade results and foreign financing conditions. Finally, prospects on inflation growth are analyzed.