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Release of Balance of Payments for Macao SAR (Preliminary Estimates for 2007)

The Monetary Authority of Macao releases today the balance of payments (BOP) statistics of Macao SAR for the reference year 2007. The internationally recognised statistics were compiled according to the guidelines published by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the *Balance of Payments Manual, Fifth Edition*, as well as relevant technical advices with respect to Macao from the IMF.

The BOP is a statistical statement that summarises external transactions of an economy with the rest of the world. The BOP of Macao SAR consists of current account, non-reserve capital and financial account and change in reserve assets. The release of BOP statistics enables a better understanding of Macao's overall external transactions. It also facilitates policy analysis as well as comprehensive assessments of economic and financial stability of the SAR.

In 2007, Macao's overall BOP recorded a surplus of MOP28.2 billion. Of various major components, the current account registered a surplus of MOP47.1 billion. The capital account had a net inflow of MOP2.6 billion, and the financial non-reserve assets showed a net reduction of MOP39.3 billion.

Although the visible trade deficit, valued in f.o.b., widened to MOP40.9 billion, the fast growing invisible trade surplus brought about by the buoyant tourism industry, as well as a marked fall in net factor income paid abroad, more than offset the deficit in the visible trade. The current account surplus therefore reached MOP47.1 billion, which was MOP23.7 billion higher than the MOP23.4 billion surplus shown in the previous year.

In 2007, the favourable economic condition continued to boost domestic demand. Imports of goods, valued in f.o.b., rose by 18.1% year-on-year, whereas exports of goods remained virtually unchanged. Thus, deficits in the goods account picked up from MOP31.5 billion in 2006 to MOP40.9 billion in 2007. Meanwhile, surplus in the services account surged from MOP69.3 billion to MOP93.8 billion. Travel services recorded a 39.8% increase in surplus to MOP105.7 billion, whereas transportation and other services summed up to a deficit of MOP11.9 billion.

The income account, which reflects net external factor income, recorded a net outflow of MOP1.2 billion in 2007, approximately one-tenth the level in 2006. This stemmed mainly from the significant rise in the inflow of factor income and the substantial reduction in profits earned by foreign direct investors in Macao. Factor income inflows amounted to MOP15.6 billion while the



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corresponding outflows reached MOP16.9 billion. The largest item of the outflows was earnings to direct investors, amounting to MOP11.1 billion, and income payments to securities and other investment totalled MOP4.4 billion. Current transfers, which include mainly inflows and outflows of workers' remittances as well as donations received/made by local social service organisations with respect to the rest of the world, recorded a net outflow of MOP4.6 billion in 2007, MOP 2.7 billion higher than that in 2006.

Net inflows in the capital account fell further from MOP3.5 billion in 2006 to MOP2.6 billion in 2007 mainly due to a drop in inflows of migrants' transfers. Contrary to the past trend, net financial non-reserve assets (i.e. the net change in foreign assets) reverted from an outflow of MOP6.5 billion in 2006 to an inflow of MOP39.3 billion. This was caused mainly by the significant upsurge in net inflows of other investment (MOP20.8 billion) and direct investment (MOP28.2 billion), while direct investment inflows were largely attributable to nonresidents' investment in the local property market and various gaming-related sectors. In 2007, portfolio investment recorded a net outflow of MOP10.1 billion as against MOP 11.5 billion one year earlier, while financial derivatives changed from a net outflow of MOP1.7 billion to a net inflow of MOP0.4 billion.

Reserve assets in the BOP statistics reflect the net change in foreign currency assets (excluding the SAR Reserve Fund) held by the Monetary Authority of Macao. In 2007, the BOP recorded an enlarged surplus, which caused reserve assets (after price, exchange rate and other adjustments) to increase significantly by MOP28.2 billion.

The BOP statistics for the year 2007 are preliminary estimates. Figures in individual components are subject to revision later when more information becomes available.

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Annex Table



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	(10 ⁶ MOP)	
	2006 ^r	2007 [@]
1. Current Account	23,423.9	47,114.4
Goods	-31,491.7	-40,931.4
Exports	20,478.1	20,451.4
Imports	-51,969.8	-61,382.8
Services	69,252.7	93,843.2
Exports	84,319.3	115,801.2
Imports	-15,066.6	-21,957.9
Income	-12,457.8	-1,236.0
Receipts	11,407.7	15,628.2
Payments	-23,865.5	-16,864.2
Current Transfers	-1,879.4	-4,561.4
Receipts	864.8	808.5
Payments	-2,744.1	-5,369.9
2. Capital and Financial Account	-19,471.5	13,696.9
Capital Account	3,508.3	2,560.3
Capital Transfers	3,509.2	2,600.5
Receipts	3,648.5	2,720.8
Payments	-139.3	-120.2
Acquisition/Disposal of Non-Produced, Nonfinancial Assets	-0.9	-40.2
Financial Account [*]	-22,979.9	11,136.6
Financial Non-reserve Assets (net change)	-6,511.4	39,318.2
Direct Investment	17,049.6	28,212.1
Portfolio Investment	-11,479.1	-10,055.6
Financial Derivatives ^{**}	-1,694.4	386.1
Other Investment	-10,387.5	20,775.6
Reserve Assets ^{***}	-16,468.4	-28,181.6
3. Errors and Omissions	-3,952.3	-60,811.3
Overall Balance of Payments	16,468.4	28,181.6

Notes: ^r Revised data.

[@] Figures are subject to revisions later on.

^{*} "+" represents an increase in external liabilities or a decrease in external assets, indicating an inflow of funds;
 "-" represents a decrease in external liabilities or an increase in external assets, indicating an outflow of funds.

^{**} According to the latest revision of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), financial derivatives are presented as an individual item of the financial account.

^{***} Excluding price and exchange rate changes as well as other adjustments.