

# Nicaragua: 2017 Article IV Consultation Concluding Statement

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**Table 1. Nicaragua: Selected Social and Economic Indicators, 2012-17**

<b>I. Social and Demographic Indicators</b>						
Main export products: beef, coffee, and gold.						
GDP per capita (current U.S.\$, 2016)	2,091		Income share held by the richest 10 percent (2014)			37.9
GINI per capita (Atlas method, current U.S.\$, 2015)	1,940		Unemployment (percent of labor force, 2016)			6.1
GINI Index (2014)	47.1		Poverty rate (national pov. line, in percent, 2014)			29.6
Population (millions, 2016)	6.3		Adult literacy rate (percent, 2015)			82.5
Life expectancy at birth in years (2014)	74.8		Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births, 2015)			18.8
<b>II. Economic Indicators</b>						
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 Proj.
<b>Output</b>						
			(Annual percentage change)			
GDP growth	6.5	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.5
GDP (nominal, U.S.\$ million)	10,532	10,983	11,880	12,748	13,230	13,942
<b>Prices</b>						
GDP deflator	6.2	4.3	8.4	7.5	4.1	5.9
Consumer price inflation (period average)	7.2	7.1	6.0	4.0	3.5	5.4
Consumer price inflation (end of period)	6.6	5.7	6.5	3.1	3.1	5.8
<b>Exchange rate</b>						
Period average (Cordobas per U.S.\$)	23.5	24.7	26.0	27.3	28.6	...
End of period (Cordobas per U.S.\$)	24.1	25.3	26.6	27.9	29.3	...
<b>Fiscal sector</b>			(Percent of GDP)			
Consolidated public sector						
Revenue (excl. grants)	25.4	25.3	25.5	26.3	27.9	28.0
Expenditure	28.3	28.3	28.6	29.6	31.2	31.2
Current	23.0	22.4	22.6	23.0	24.2	24.2
<i>of which: wages &amp; salaries<sup>1/</sup></i>	7.6	7.7	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.5
Capital	5.3	5.9	6.0	6.7	7.0	7.0
Overall balance, before grants	-2.8	-3.0	-3.1	-3.3	-3.3	-3.2
Overall balance, after grants	-0.8	-1.3	-2.0	-2.2	-2.4	-2.2
<b>Money and credit</b>			(Annual percentage change)			
Broad money	16.3	18.5	15.9	18.7	10.8	10.9
Credit to the private sector	26.3	20.2	20.5	23.5	17.4	14.5
Net domestic assets of the banking system	24.5	17.6	6.2	18.4	12.7	11.7
<b>External sector</b>			(Percent of GDP, unless otherwise indicated)			
Current account	-10.7	-10.9	-7.1	-9.0	-8.6	-8.4
<i>of which: oil imports</i>	11.9	10.4	9.2	5.6	4.9	6.1
Capital and financial account	16.9	14.4	13.7	14.0	8.8	9.4
<i>of which: FDI</i>	6.7	6.1	6.7	7.1	6.5	6.3
Gross reserves (U.S.\$ million) <sup>2/</sup>	1,778	1,874	2,147	2,353	2,296	2,401
In months of imports excl. maquila <sup>2/</sup>	3.6	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.0	3.9
Net international reserves <sup>2/</sup>	1,609	1,721	2,024	2,262	2,236	2,315
<b>Public sector debt<sup>3/</sup></b>	41.5	42.4	40.5	39.3	40.1	40.6
<b>Private sector external debt</b>	44.7	47.2	45.6	43.7	44.4	42.5

Sources: Country authorities; World Bank; and Fund staff calculations and estimates.

<sup>1/</sup>The figures for 2013 include an off-budget wage bonus that was financed with Venezuela-related resources. Starting in 2014 the wage bonus is included in the budget.

<sup>2/</sup>Excludes the Deposit Guarantee Fund for Financial Institutions (FOGADE).

<sup>3/</sup>Assumes that HIPC-equivalent terms were applied to the outstanding debt to non-Paris Club bilaterals. Does not include SDR allocations.