

Annex VII: Estimation of International Investment Position Methodology

Balance of international investment, in accordance with the fifth edition of the IMF Guide on Balance of Payments, represents a statistical report, which reflects the accumulated stock of foreign assets and foreign liabilities of the country on a particular date (for example, at the end of the year) as well as their changes (flows) as a result of financial transactions, price changes, re-estimations and other adjustment calculations.

The balance of international investments consists of two basic classification groups: foreign assets and foreign liabilities of the Kyrgyz Republic. The including items of these groups correspond to the items of the financial account of the balance of payments and reflect functional categories. The data of sections «Assets» and «Liabilities» give the size of foreign assets and foreign liabilities of the Kyrgyz Republic, their composition and reasons for changes in the observed period.

The net international investment position of the country represents the difference between its foreign assets and liabilities.

The international investment position is published in a table in the following form:

Variables	The remain at the beginning of the year	Changes due to the operations conducted	Price change	Exchange rate change	Other changes	The remain at the end of the year
A	1	2	3	4	5	6
A. Assets						
B. Liabilities						
C. Net international investment position						

In the rows, the data on the basic classification groups are shown as foreign assets and foreign liabilities of the Kyrgyz Republic. The items of these groups correspond to the items of the financial account of payment balance and reflect the functional categories.

The assets are subdivided into direct investments, portfolio investments, financial derivatives, other investments and reserve assets; the similar classification is applied to liabilities (excluding reserve assets).

The columns of the examined table show the factors causing changes in the components of the balance of international investments during the observed period.

In columns 1 and 6 the stock of foreign assets and liabilities is reflected as the stock at the beginning and at the end of the period.

Column 2 shows the changes as a result of the real operations and financial components of international investment position.

Columns 3 and 4 reflect the cost estimations of foreign assets and liabilities due to price changes and exchange rate fluctuations.

All other changes are reflected in column 5, for example:

- Change in classification (for example, shifting from portfolio investments to direct investments due to an increase in the investor's share in the stock capital of the firm);
- Unilateral cancellation of debts by creditor;
- Other changes.

Data on the international investment position is important for an analysis of external economic relations of the country, it allows to depict the volume foreign assets and liabilities of the Kyrgyz Republic, their composition and reasons for changes in the observed period.

The net international investment position of the country is used to define developments and tendencies in foreign economic relations of the given country with other countries in the world.

A deficit or a surplus of the net international investment position describing a ratio between the country resources and its debts to other states, reflects the status of the country as either a «net creditor» or a «net debtor», which plays an important role in government economic policies (development and realization of economic stabilization programs, definition of the need for financing).

Calculation of the net international investment position allows to estimate a major macroeconomic indicator - the national wealth, whose size is defined by summing up the net international investment position and net non-financial assets of the country.