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The Centrale Bank van Aruba maintained the reserve requirement for commercial banks at 12.5% effective October 1, 2025

Press Release

The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) has decided during the MPC meeting of September 1, 2025 to uphold the reserve requirement rate for commercial banks at 12.5%, effective October 1, 2025. This monetary policy decision maintains the minimum balance that local commercial banks must hold at the CBA unchanged.

Key highlights:

1. **Global economic uncertainty**
   Current global uncertainties may impact foreign exchange reserves and inflation, potentially causing deviations from current baseline projections.

2. **Adequate foreign reserves despite credit growth**
   Up to July 2025, foreign reserves were amply above the benchmarks monitored by the CBA, even amid increased credit activity. Moreover, the CBA expects foreign reserves to remain adequate and continue to grow.

3. **A low inflation environment**
   Despite an acceleration in the end-of-period (EOP) inflation in June 2025, the end-of-period (EOP) inflation and period average inflation still prevailed at relatively low levels of 0.6% and 0.9%, respectively.

4. **Elevated excess liquidity**
   Excess liquidity remains above pre-pandemic levels and rose in July 2025 compared to the previous month.

The CBA monitors monetary and economic indicators closely and adjusts its monetary policy stance as needed to maintain the fixed exchange rate between the florin and the U.S. dollar.

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