

# NATIONAL BANK OF MOLDOVA

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### Interest rates on NBM monetary policy instruments

The Council of Administration of the National Bank of Moldova has, at its meeting held on December 04, 2003, increased by 1 p.p. **the base rate** of the National Bank applied on commercial banks' refinancing through SS two-month acquisition Repos conducted within NBM open market operations to **14.0% per year**.

The decision of the National Bank was determined by the recent development of macroeconomic and monetary indicators in the Republic of Moldova. In October 2003 the inflation rate accounted for 2.1%; the average prices' increase since the beginning of the year has accounted for 13.7% and as compared to the similar month of the previous year – for 17.2%.

At the same time, the interest rates on monetary policy instruments have been set as follows:

- **Overnight credits - 17.0% per year ;**
- **Lombard facility - 16.0% per year;**
- **Overnight deposits accepted by the NBM from commercial banks - 3.0% per year.**

**The interest rate on long-term credits** (more than 5 years) has been set at the level of **11.5% per year**.

The Decision of the Council of Administration of the National Bank of Moldova on establishment of interest rates shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the Official Monitor of the Republic of Moldova.