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Rates on NBM Monetary Regulation Instruments

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Taking into account the inflation dynamics, the monetary and macroeconomic indicators the Council of Administration of the National Bank of Moldova has, at its meeting of October 17, 2001, **reduced by 1.5 percentage point the basic rate** of the National Bank to be applied on banking refinancing through 2-month REPO operations of state securities acquisition performed within NBM open market operations to **14.5% per year.**

Simultaneously, other interest rates have been set as follows:

- Lombard Facility 19.5% per year;
- Overnight credits 23.5% per year;

The rate on deposits of commercial banks with the National Bank keeps the level of 3% per year.

The **basic rate on long-term credits** (over 5 years) will be reduced by 0.5 percentage point to **14.3% per year**.

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

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