

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the President and Directors of  
BANCO CENTRAL DE LA REPUBLICA ARGENTINA  
Reconquista 266  
BUENOS AIRES

In exercising the power granted by section 118 sub-section f) of Law No. 24156, the AUDITORIA GENERAL DE LA NACION has examined the financial statements of BANCO CENTRAL DE LA REPUBLICA ARGENTINA for the year ended December 31, 1999, detailed in section 1 below. Those financial statements constitute information prepared and issued by the Entity in exercising its exclusive functions.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on those financial statements based on our audit performed with the scope mentioned in section 2.

### **1. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

- 1.1. Balance Sheet at December 31, 1999
- 1.2. Statement of Income for the year ended December 31, 1999.
- 1.3. Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for the year ended December 31, 1999.
- 1.4. Notes 1 to 4, Exhibits I, II and III which form part of the financial statements.

Disclosed in a second column are the Balance Sheet and the Statements of Income for the year ended December 31, 1998, as indicated in Note 2, on which we issued our unqualified Audit Report on April 22, 1999.

## **2. SCOPE OF THE AUDIT**

Our examination was performed in accordance with auditing standards approved by the AUDITORIA GENERAL DE LA NACION by Resolution No. 156/93 issued by virtue of the power granted by section 119, sub-section d) of Law No. 24156. Those standards are compatible with those issued by the ARGENTINE FEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL COUNCILS IN ECONOMIC SCIENCES.

An audit implies examining, on a selective basis, evidence supporting the disclosures in the financial statements and it is not aimed at detecting fraud or intentional misconduct. In addition, it includes the analysis of the application of professional accounting standards and significant estimates made by Management for reasonableness.

## **3. OPINION**

In our opinion, based on our examination, the financial statements indicated in paragraph 1 above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position at December 31, 1999 of Banco Central de la República Argentina, the results of its operations and the changes in its net equity for the year then ended, in conformity with professional accounting standards.

## **4. SPECIAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY CURRENT REGULATIONS**

In conformity with current regulations we report that:

- 4.1. The financial statements mentioned in point 1 arise from the accounting records which, due to the legal capacity of the Entity, have not been registered with the Public Registry of Commerce.
- 4.2. At December 31, 1999 the debt accrued in favor of the National Social Security Administration according to the accounting records amounted to \$ 2,796,566.17, none of which was claimable by the administration at that date.

BUENOS AIRES, June 1, 2000