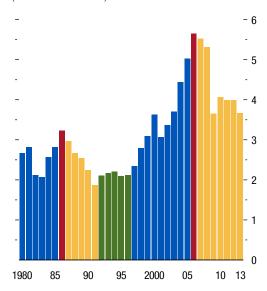
**Figure 4.1.1. Global Current Account Imbalances in Absolute Terms** (Percent of world GDP)



Source: IMF staff calculations.

Note: Yellow bars highlight main periods of adjustment in absolute global imbalances, with red bars marking the beginning year of the adjustment period. Green bars highlight extended period of compressed absolute imbalances following the 1986–91 adjustment. Blue bars are used for all other years.