

Table 1. Gabon: Quantitative Performance Criteria and Benchmarks under the Stand-By Arrangement, 2000–01

(Unless otherwise indicated, in billions of CFA francs; cumulative flows from January 1)

	1999	2000 1/			2001 1/			
	Dec. 31 Prel. est.	Prog.	Dec. Adj. 2/	Est.	Mar.	Jun.	Sep.	Dec.
Performance criteria								
Ceiling on the net claims of the banking system on the government (stock) 3/	304.5	212.9	6.0	129.1	115.5	48.2	140.1	129.1
Floor on cumulative deposits in the special account at the BEAC for any cash treasury surplus related to higher oil revenues (stock) 4/	NA	NA		NA	0.0	0.0
Ceiling on the contracting or guaranteeing of new nonconcessional external debt with original maturity of 1 to 12 years by the government 5/	29.2	20.0		20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Ceiling on outstanding stock of new nonconcessional external debt with original maturity of less than one year owed or guaranteed by the government 6/	...	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Limit on the net accumulation of external payment arrears (for 1999, accumulated stock of arrears) 7/	471.5	-472.4		-482.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Floor on the net reduction of domestic payment arrears	...	-18.6		-74.9	-8.7	-12.9	-17.1	-51.8
Floor on the primary fiscal balance (on a payment order basis) 8/ 9/	230.0	530.8	646.2	633.5	268.0	436.8	524.1	655.0
Quantitative benchmarks								
Floor on government non-oil revenue	445.0	399.1		392.9	103.2	227.6	339.9	475.0
Ceiling on the government wage bill	214.0	216.1		216.6	57.7	111.1	164.5	217.9
Ceiling on total noninterest nonwage expenditure (on a commitment basis) 9/ 10/	250.7	243.2		246.1	81.4	174.0	264.6	362.2
Memorandum items:								
Nonproject external financing disbursements	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
External debt service due (excluding IMF)	364.7	379.3		426.3	237.5	322.7	488.8	575.0
Oil revenue	368.7	699.3		814.7	303.9	494.3	613.2	760.1
Rescheduling of external debt	0.0	492.0		649.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Privatization proceeds	2.0	13.3		4.0	4.4	8.8	13.1	17.5

1/ Performance criteria for end-2000, end-June 2001, and end-September 2001; indicative targets for the remainder of 2001 (see definitions and explanations in the technical memorandum of understanding (TMU)). The performance criteria for end-December 2001 and indicative targets for end-March 2002 will be established at the time of the third quarterly review.

2/ The criterion on the primary fiscal balance has been adjusted upward by CFAF 115.4 billion for higher-than-programmed oil revenues. The criterion on net bank credit to the government is adjusted downward by CFAF 115.4 billion for higher-than-programmed oil revenues; upward by CFAF 56.3 billion and CFAF 9.8 billion for higher-than-programmed reduction in domestic and external arrears, respectively; and downward by CFAF 157.5 billion for higher-than-programmed rescheduling of external debt.

3/ The performance criterion will be adjusted downward for any higher oil revenues, higher nonproject external financing disbursements net of external debt service paid, and lower net reductions in domestic arrears, as defined in the TMU relative to program targets. It will be adjusted upward for any lower oil revenues, lower nonproject financing net of external debt service paid, and higher net reductions in domestic arrears relative to the program targets, up to 50 percent of the total shortfall with a maximum of CFAF 30 billion (or 1 percent of GDP) in 2001. If the oil revenue shortfall exceeds 2 percent of GDP in 2001, the quarterly fiscal targets will be reassessed in consultation with Fund staff. The criterion will also be adjusted downward/upward for any higher/lower privatization proceeds, as defined in the TMU.

4/ If a treasury surplus materializes in 2001, the corresponding amount will be deposited in a special account at the BEAC and its eventual use will be discussed with the Fund staff in the context of the quarterly reviews. The floor on the cumulative amount deposited in the special account for the projected cash treasury surplus will be adjusted upward for higher-than-projected oil revenue and downward for lower-than-projected oil revenue (down no lower than zero).

5/ This performance criterion applies not only to debt as defined in point No. 9 of the Guidelines on Performance Criteria with Respect to Foreign Debt, adopted by the IMF Executive Board on August 24, 2000, but also to commitments contracted or guaranteed for which value has not been received. Excluded from this performance criterion are rescheduling arrangements and purchases from the Fund. For purposes of this performance criterion, the term "nonconcessional" means that the debt has a grant element of less than 35 percent calculated on the basis of currency-specific discount rates that are based on the OECD commercial interest reference rates (CIRRs).

6/ The term "debt" has the meaning set forth in point No. 9 of the Guidelines on Performance Criteria with Respect to Foreign Debt, adopted by the Executive Board on August 24, 2000. Excluded from this performance criterion are rescheduling arrangements, purchases from the Fund, and normal import-related credits. For purposes of this performance criterion, the term "nonconcessional" means that the debt has a grant element of less than 35 percent calculated on the basis of currency-specific discount rates that are based on the OECD commercial interest reference rates (CIRRs).

7/ Continuous performance criterion.

8/ The performance criterion on the primary fiscal balance will be adjusted upward for any higher-than-programmed oil revenue, and adjusted downward for 50 percent of any lower-than-programmed oil revenue, with a maximum of CFAF 30 billion (or 1 percent of GDP) in 2001 for the downward adjustment. If the oil revenue exceeds 2 percent of GDP in 2001, the quarterly fiscal targets will be reassessed in consultation with Fund staff.

9/ Expenditure is measured on a commitment basis (*engagements*) up to and including 2000, and on a payment order basis (*ordonnancement*) thereafter.

10/ Up to and including 2000 (original program), only current noninterest, nonwage expenditure. As of 2001 (revised program), total noninterest, nonwage expenditure.

Table 2. Gabon: Prior Actions and Structural Performance Criteria for 2000–01

Conditions and Structural Measures	Date—Initial Program	Implementation Status	Date—Revised Program
Conditions for presentation of a request to use Fund resources (October 2000)		All Completed	
Macroeconomic performance and budget execution on a disbursements basis, for the period January-June 2000, in accordance with the government's economic program for 2000.	Prior action	Completed on August 4, 2000	
Adoption of a Supplementary Budget Law for 2000, consistent with the revised macroeconomic framework for 2000.	Prior action	Adopted on July 27, 2000	
Introduction of the cash-flow management system.	Prior action	Completed on May 31, 2000	
Publication of an audit of the central government's finances for 1997 and 1998, and the audit of the domestic public debt, carried out in December 1999.	Prior action	Completed on September 5, 2000	
Post and Telecommunications Office (OPT): adoption by ordinance of the laws on the new legal and regulatory framework.	Prior action	Completed on February 17, 2000	
Ciments du Gabon: choice of contractor.	Prior action	Completed on July 13, 2000	
Conditions for consideration by the Executive Board of the documentation for the first and second program reviews under the Stand-By Arrangement			
Appointment of the OPT liquidator and the provisional managers for <i>Gabon Poste</i> and <i>Gabon Télécom</i> .	Prior action		
Adoption by the government and submission to parliament of the draft anticorruption law ("against illegitimate enrichment") and the draft law on the National Commission Against Illegitimate Enrichment (CNAC).	Prior action	Completed on March 27, 2001	
<i>Adoption of a timetable for preparation of the Code of Ethics for the Gabonese government.</i>	<i>Prior action</i>	<i>Completed in February 2001</i>	

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Performance criteria			
Government finance			
Introduction of the integrated information system (CRYSTAL):			
• Begin parallel testing phase for all modules.	October 31, 2000	Completed	
• Beginning of use of the full computerized information system.	January 31, 2001	Completed	
• Commitment not to create any special accounts or special funds outside the budget.	Throughout the period of the Stand-By Arrangement	In progress	
Administrative reform			
Effective introduction of a civil service personnel and payroll management system based on a common operational file in the Ministry of Economy, Finance, Budget and Privatization, and the Ministry of Civil Service, Administrative Reform, and Modernization of the State.	December 31, 2001		
Government enterprise sector			
Selection of the merchant bank for implementing the privatization of Gabon Télécom.	September 30, 2000	Completed	
Invitation to bid in the privatization of Gabon Télécom.	March 31, 2001	Not completed; changed to a structural bench-mark for end-December 2001 ²	
<i>Selection of provisional contractor for Gabon Télécom.¹</i>	<i>June 30, 2001</i>	<i>Deferred to 2002</i>	<i>March 31, 2002</i>
Selection of provisional contractor for the privatization of AGROGABON.	December 31, 2000	Not completed, because bid was unsuccessful. A second bidding round was completed with the opening of bids late March 2001	
Invitation to bid in the privatization of HEVEGAB.	March 31, 2001	Completed, but unsuccessfully, in November 2000	
<i>Second invitation to bid in the privatization of HEVEGAB.¹</i>			<i>June 30, 2001</i>
Selection of provisional contractor for the privatization of HEVEGAB.	September 30, 2001	Changed to a structural bench-mark for end-October 2001 ²	
Governance			
Adoption by the government and presentation to parliament of a draft anticorruption law.	December 31, 2000	Not completed; deferred to March 2001 (prior action)	

¹New structural performance criteria.²See Table 4 of the technical memorandum of understanding.