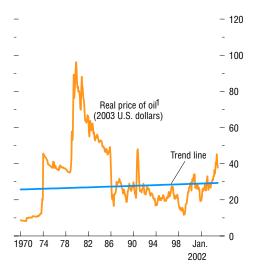
## **Real Price of Oil and Trend Line**

(Monthly, 1970–2004)



Sources: IMF, International Financial Statistics; and IMF staff calculations.

1Simple average of West Texas Intermediate, Brent, and Dubai

oil prices.