Growing risk appetite has accompanied dollar and yen depreciation. Nonetheless, both currencies remain appreciated relative to precrisis levels, whereas those of emerging economies have mostly depreciated, which reflects in part the limited use of currency reserves to buffer external shocks.

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

1Bahrain, Egypt, I.R. of Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates, and Republic of Yemen.
3Asia excluding China.
4Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, and Turkey.
5Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela.
6Due to data limitations, China’s reserves are assumed unchanged since May 2008.