

## **Statement**

The Central Bank of Egypt's (CBE) Net International Reserves (NIR) recorded USD 37,037 Mio as of end of April 2020 compared to USD 40,108 Mio as of end of March 2020.

Global markets at large remain under pressure due to the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic which continues to drive portfolio flow reversals from emerging markets, albeit with a slower pace than the previous month in which the peak was witnessed. The Egyptian market was no different, and for this reason, the CBE continues to cover the legacy CBE FX repatriation mechanism flows as they exit the market in a seamless manner. Additionally, the CBE drew on its reserves to uninterruptedly honor, as it always has, all of its external obligations amounting to around USD 1.6 billion, of which was the maturity of the 2020 Eurobond worth of USD 1 Billion. The reserves were also utilized in order to cover strategic goods necessary to ensure the wellbeing of the population.

During this month, the Central Bank of Egypt and the Egyptian Government have also taken strong, affirmative action to preserve the achievements of the Egyptian economy by approaching the IMF in order to secure the Fund's Rapid Financing Instrument (RFI) and a Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) which will allow the Egyptian Government to address any immediate shortfalls in the balance of payments while supporting the most affected sectors and the most vulnerable segment of society. However, this engagement with the IMF would not have materialized had it not been for the successful implementation of the homegrown reform program and relentless efforts to ensure sustainable growth.

The Central Bank of Egypt stands ready to take all necessary measures to preserve the stability of the Egyptian economy under the current exceptional and globally unprecedented circumstances.