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Presentation Overview

- Methodological aspects of projection methodology

- Economic Outlook for LAC
  - Outlook for 2005
  - Main challenges

Projection Methodology

- The methodology is based on the conceptual framework provided by SNA 93
  - Quarterly data on components of GDP
    - Expenditure
      - $$GDP=\underbrace{\underbrace{CP + CG}_{C} + \underbrace{FBKF + EX}_{I}}_{\text{Internal Demand}} + X - M$$
    - Production
      - $$GDP=\underbrace{GG+Trade+Construction+Utilities+TC+SS}_{\text{Aggregate Value Added (VAB)}} + Tax$$

Projection Methodology

- Seasonal Adjustment Using TRAMO-SEATS - X/12-ARIMA.
- ARIMA methodology used for individual component projection.
- Aggregation of Components
- Comparison with current quarter projection using monthly data.

Projection Methodology

- External Sector
  - Demand function:

    $$X=f(Y^{w},P)\ ,\ M=f(Y^{d},P)$$

  - The demand functions are estimated using multivariate time series analysis (VAR – VEC)

Projection Methodology

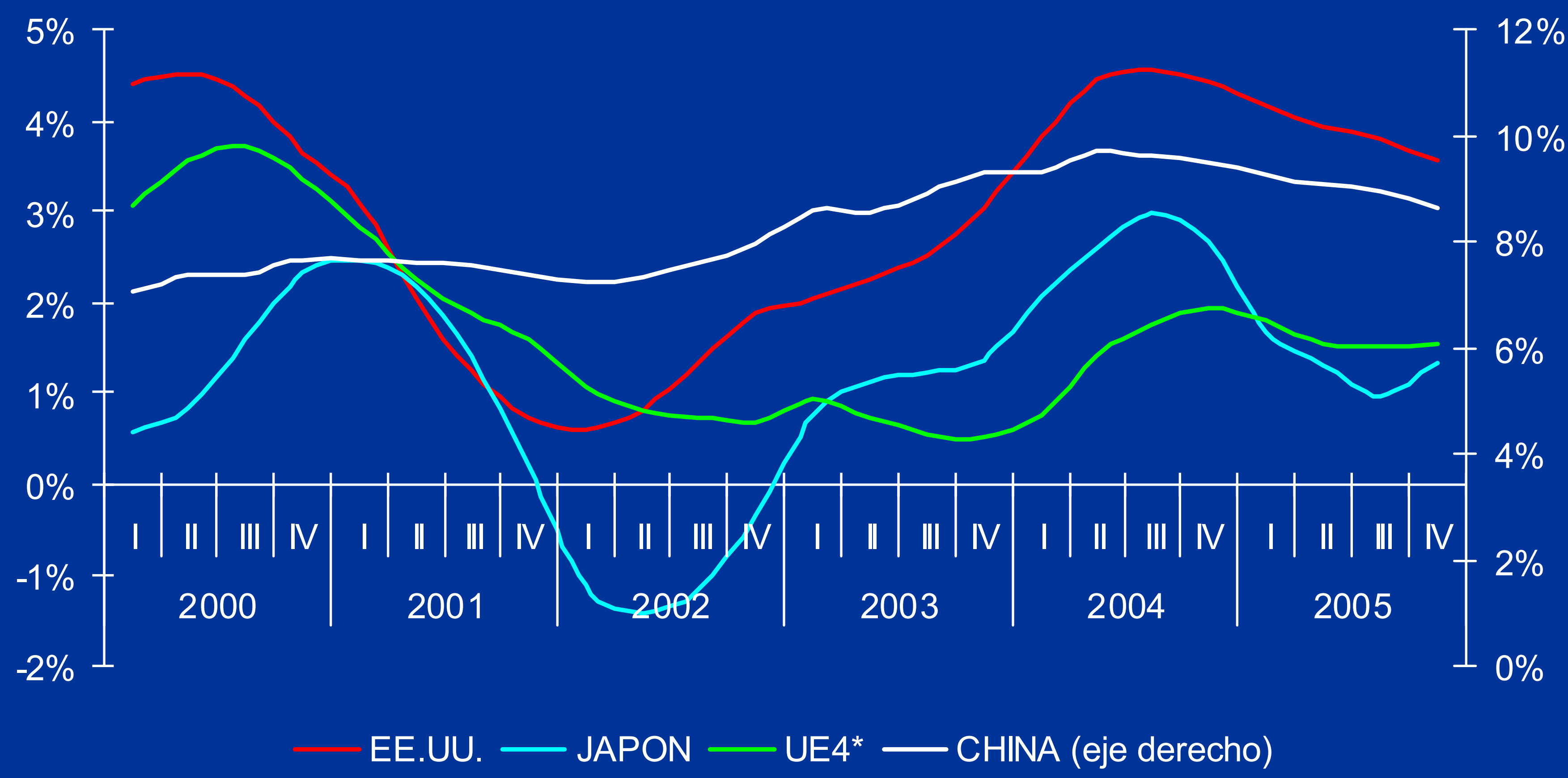
- Consistency Analysis
  - Projections are adjusted to maintain the relationships that exist between the components of GDP under SNA93, e.g. The relationship between Taxes, Imports and Trade
- Discussion with Desk-Officers and Regional Offices

Economic Outlook

- Economic Outlook 2005
  - International Scenario – Recent trends and projections
  - Latin America and the Caribbean
    - GDP
    - Inflation
    - Trade Balance

Economic Outlook

World: GDP growth 2000 - 2005



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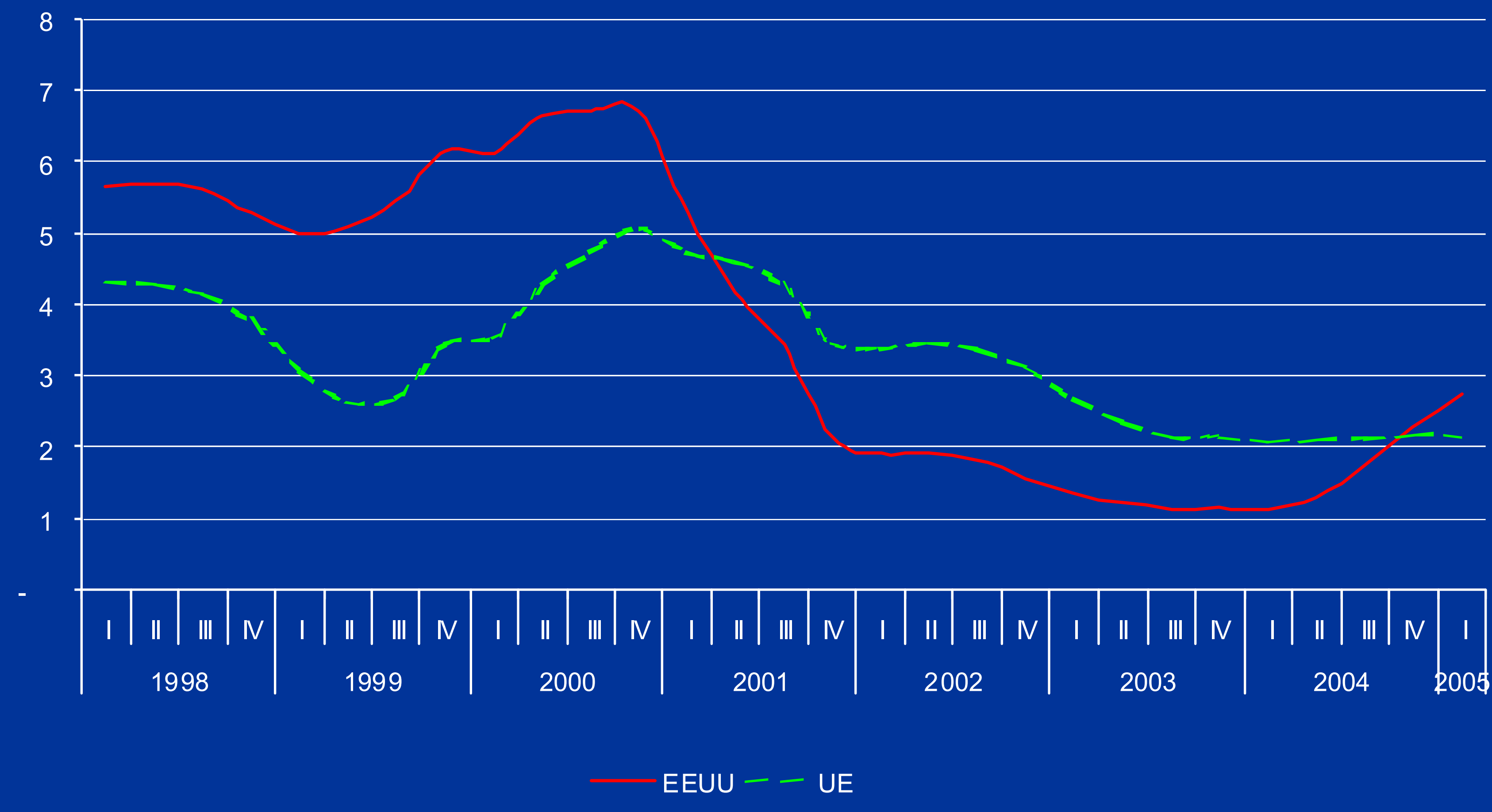
International Interest Rates: LIBOR 1998-2005



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Commodity Price Indices: 2002 – 2005

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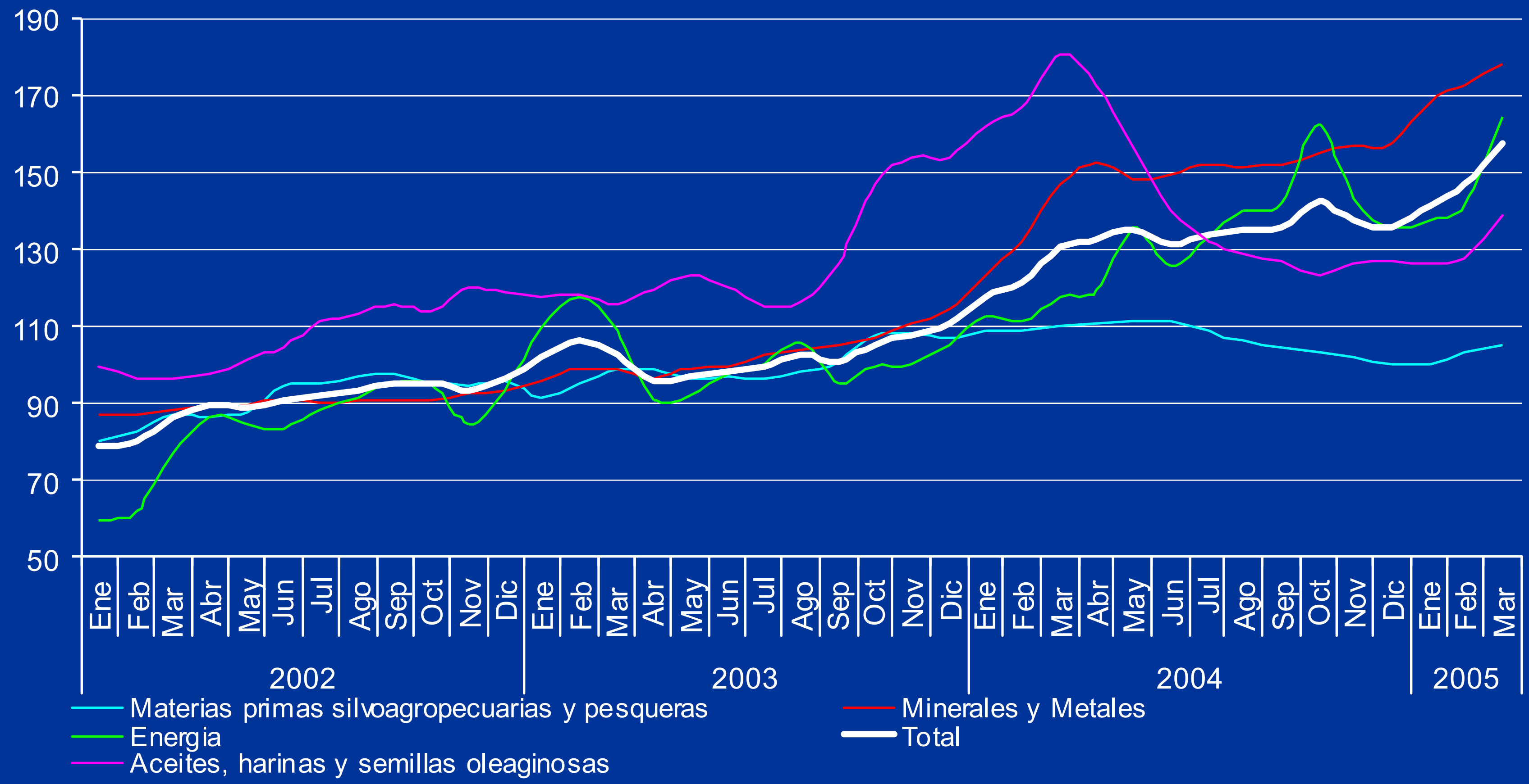

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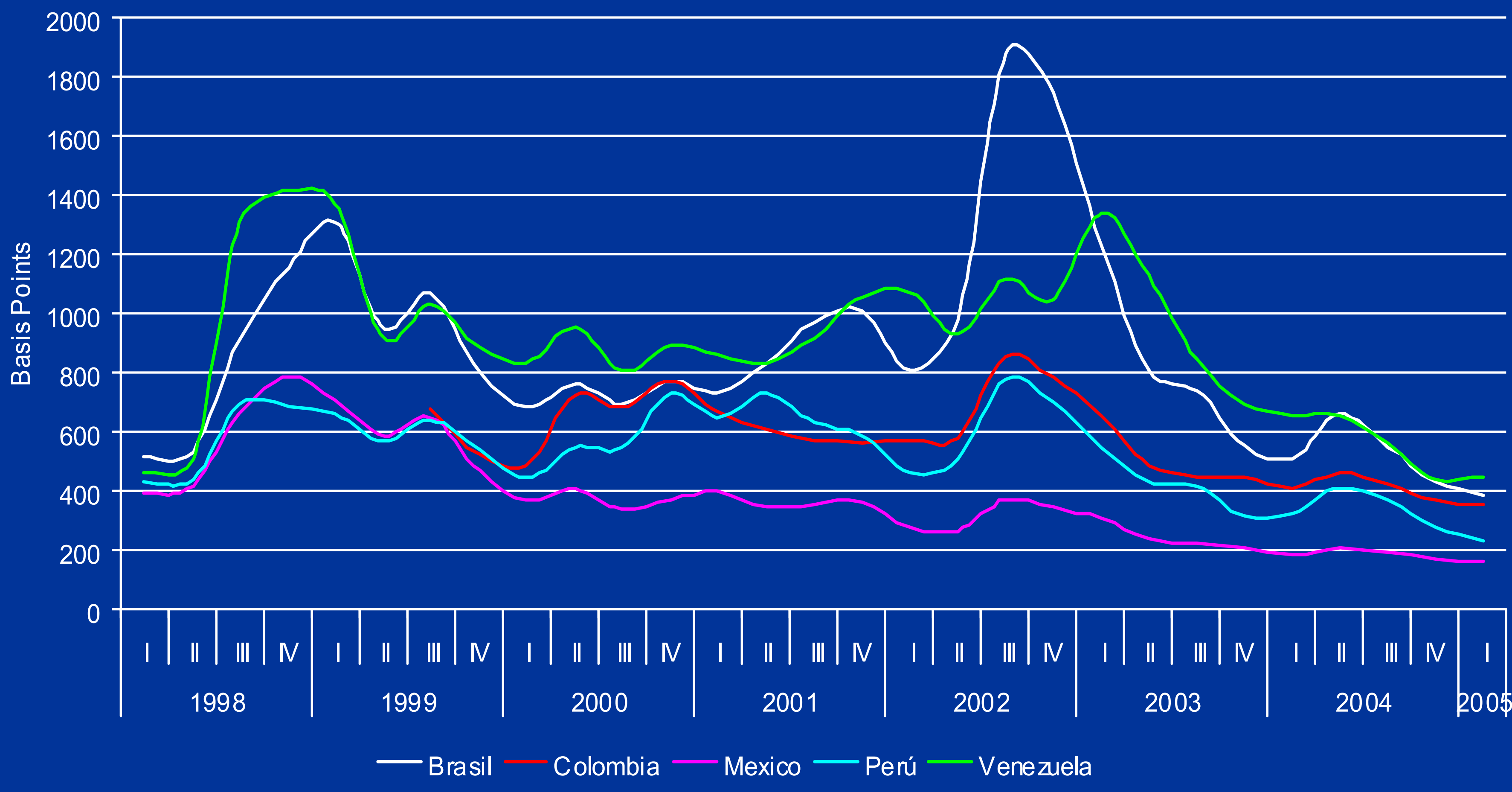
Latin American Sovereign Bond Spreads 1998 - 2005



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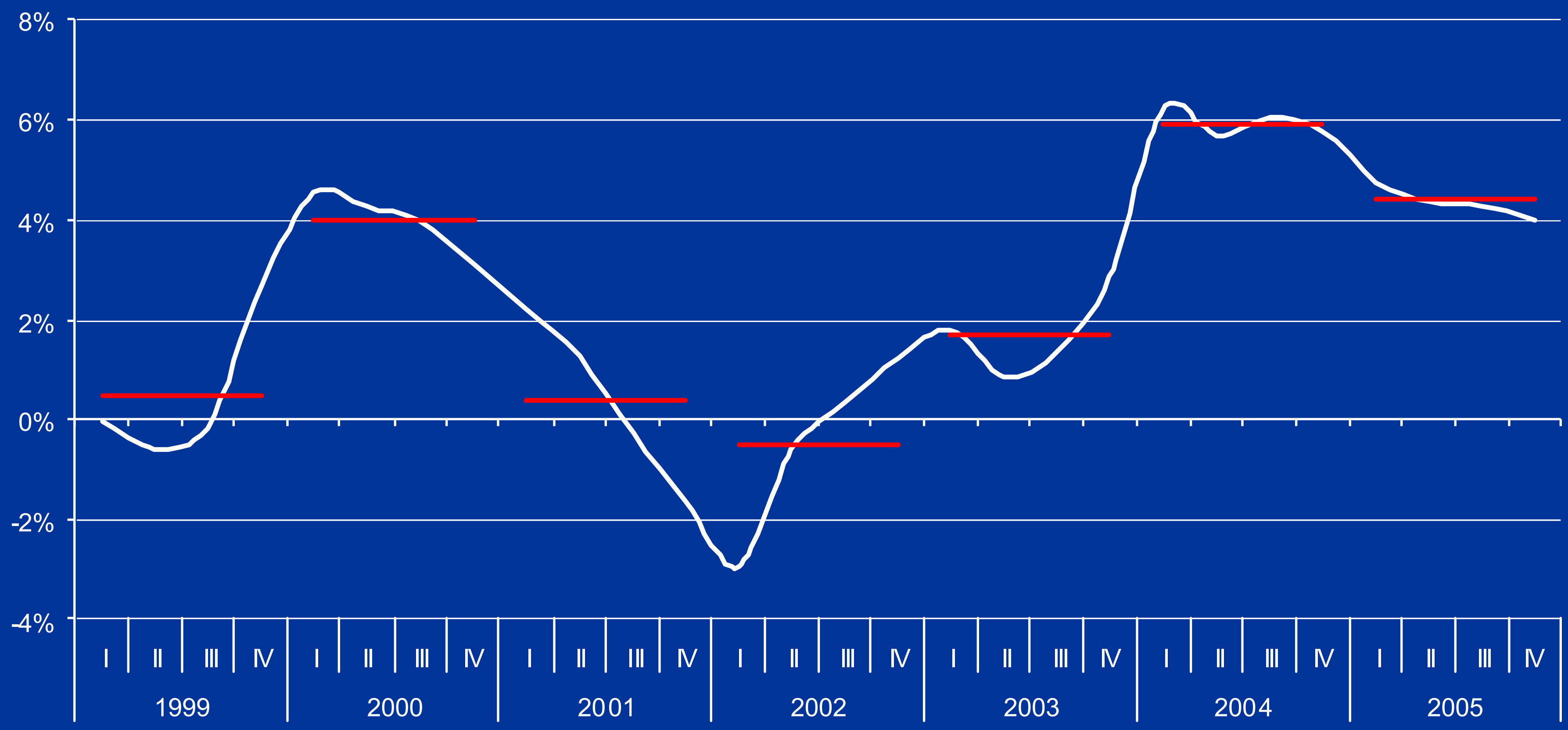
Latin America and the Caribbean: GDP growth 1999 - 2005



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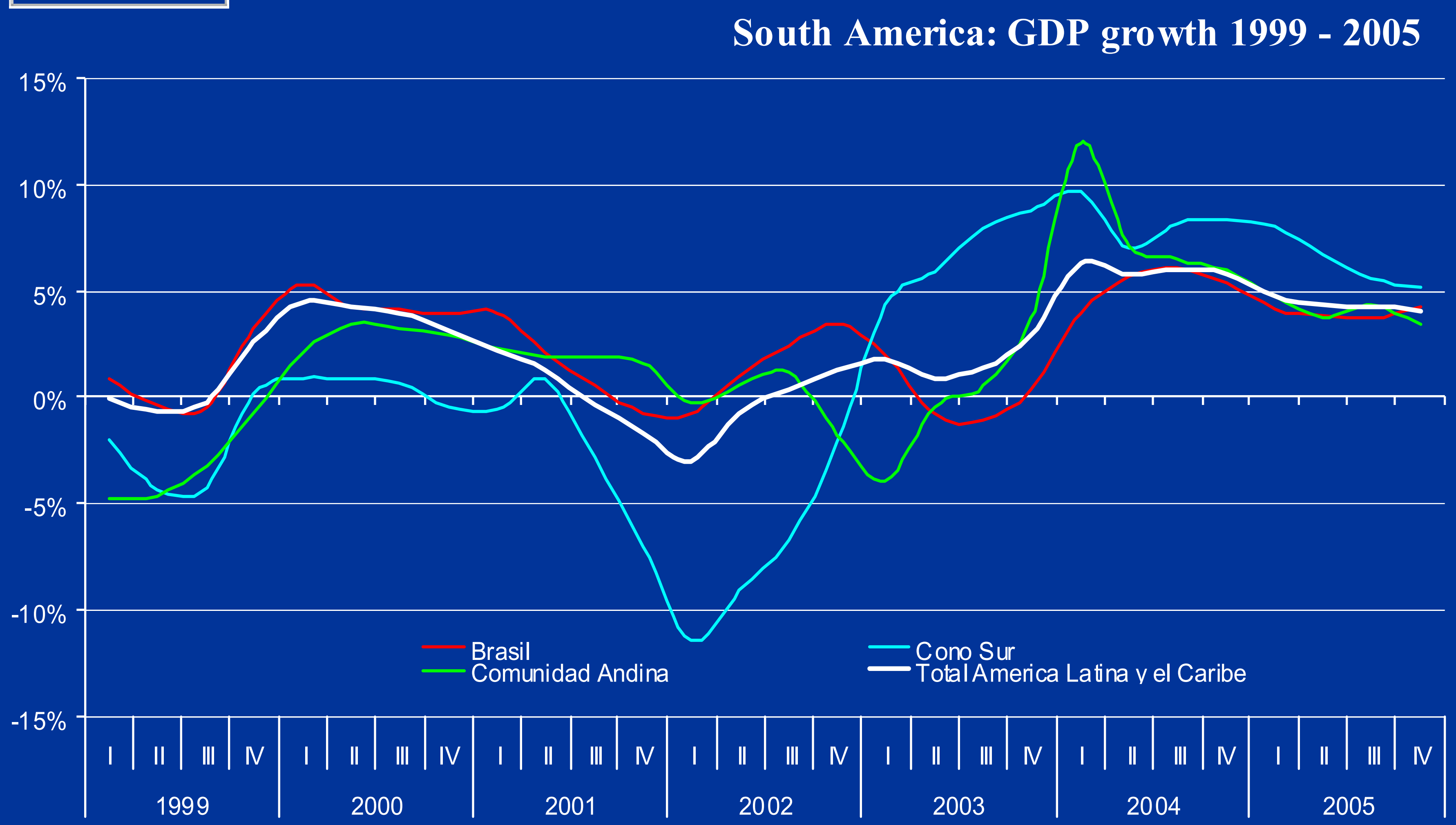

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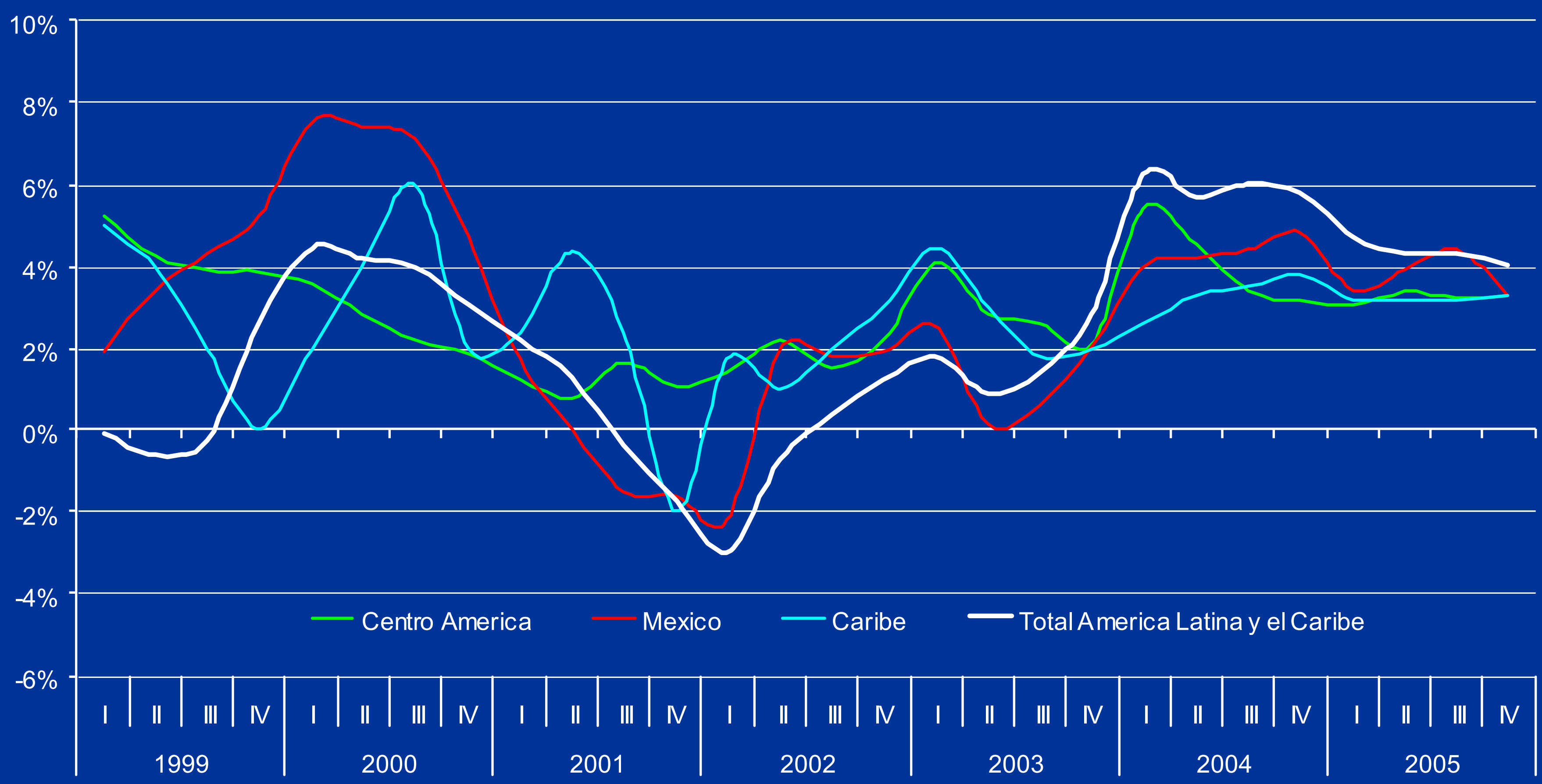
Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean: GDP growth 1999 - 2005



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Latin America and the Caribbean: GDP growth rates 2004 - 2005

País	2004	Escenario 2005 Bajo	Escenario 2005 Proyectado	Escenario 2005 Alto
Argentina	9,0	6,0	6,5	7,0
Bolivia	3,8	3,0	3,3	3,4
Brasil	5,2	3,7	4,0	4,3
Chile	6,1	5,6	6,2	6,4
Colombia	4,0	3,1	3,5	3,6
Costa Rica	4,2	3,3	3,5	4,0
Ecuador	6,9	3,0	3,4	3,6
El Salvador	1,5	2,2	2,5	2,7
Guatemala	2,7	2,5	3,0	3,7
Honduras	5,0	3,8	4,2	4,5
México	4,4	3,5	3,8	4,0
Nicaragua	5,1	3,5	4,0	4,5
Panamá	6,2	4,0	4,5	5,0
Paraguay	2,9	2,4	3,0	3,4
Perú	5,1	4,0	4,5	5,1
República Dominicana	2,0	2,2	2,5	2,7
Uruguay	12,4	5,7	6,0	6,3
Venezuela	17,3	5,0	6,5	8,0
Caribe	4,1	3,5	4,0	4,5
Total	**5,8**	**4,0**	**4,4**	**4,7**

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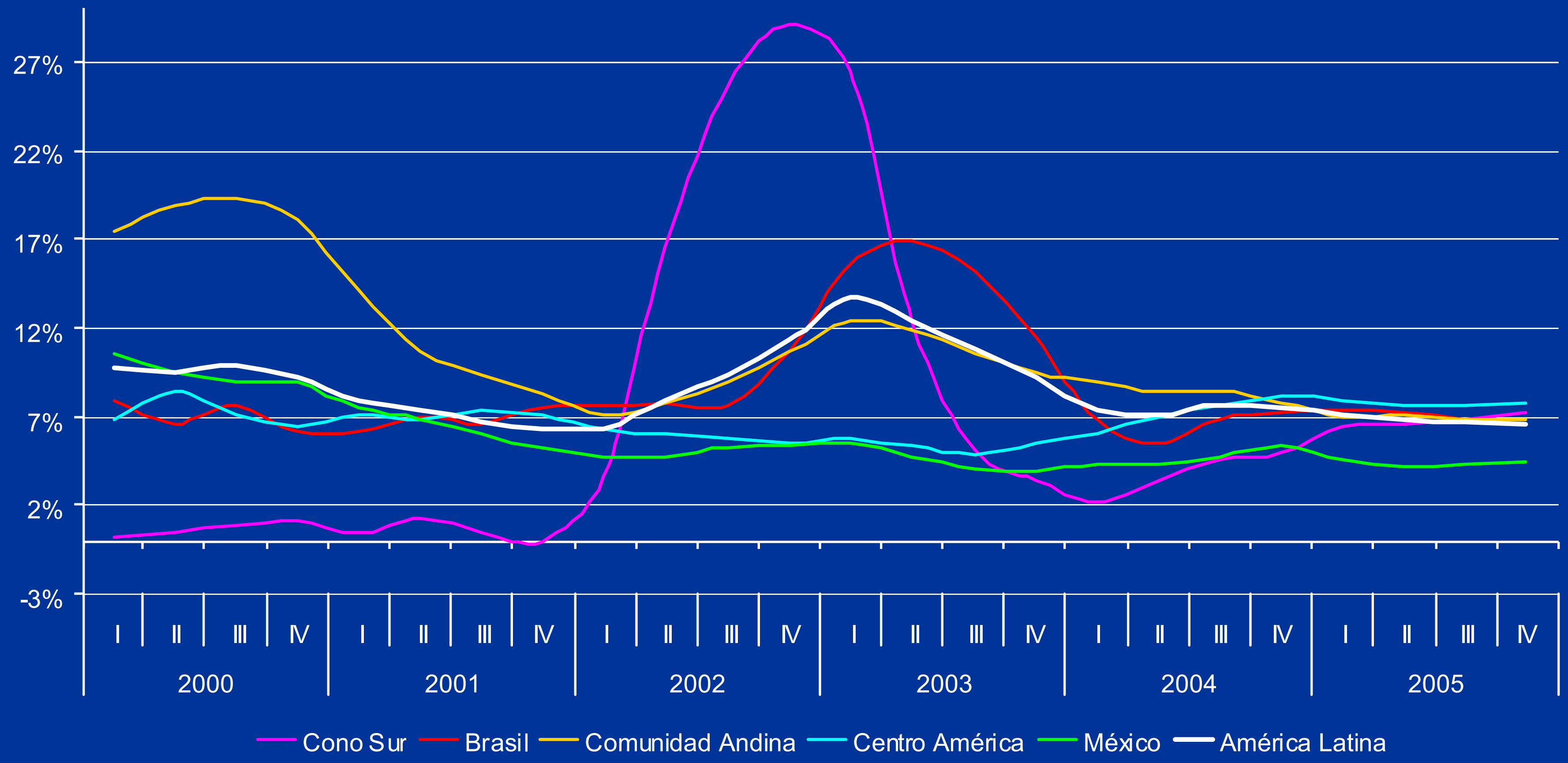
Latin America: Inflation 2000 - 2005



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Latin America: Inflation 2004 - 2005

	2004	Escenario 2005 Bajo	Escenario 2005 Proyectado	Escenario 2005 Alto
Argentina	6,1	7,0	9,5	12,0
Bolivia	4,6	4,5	5,0	5,5
Brasil	7,6	5,0	6,6	8,2
Chile	2,4	2,0	2,5	3,0
Colombia	5,5	4,0	5,1	6,0
Costa Rica	13,1	11,0	11,5	13,0
Ecuador	1,9	1,5	2,1	3,5
El Salvador	5,3	3,0	4,1	5,0
Guatemala	9,2	8,0	8,9	10,0
Honduras	9,2	8,0	9,1	10,0
México	5,2	3,5	4,4	5,5
Nicaragua	8,9	8,0	9,7	10,0
Panamá	1,6	1,0	2,1	3,0
Paraguay	2,8	4,0	4,9	6,0
Perú	3,5	2,0	2,3	3,0
República Dominicana	28,7	10,0	12,3	15,0
Uruguay	7,6	5,5	6,5	7,5
Venezuela	19,2	16,0	19,4	22,0
Total	**7,4**	**5,2**	**6,6**	**8,0**

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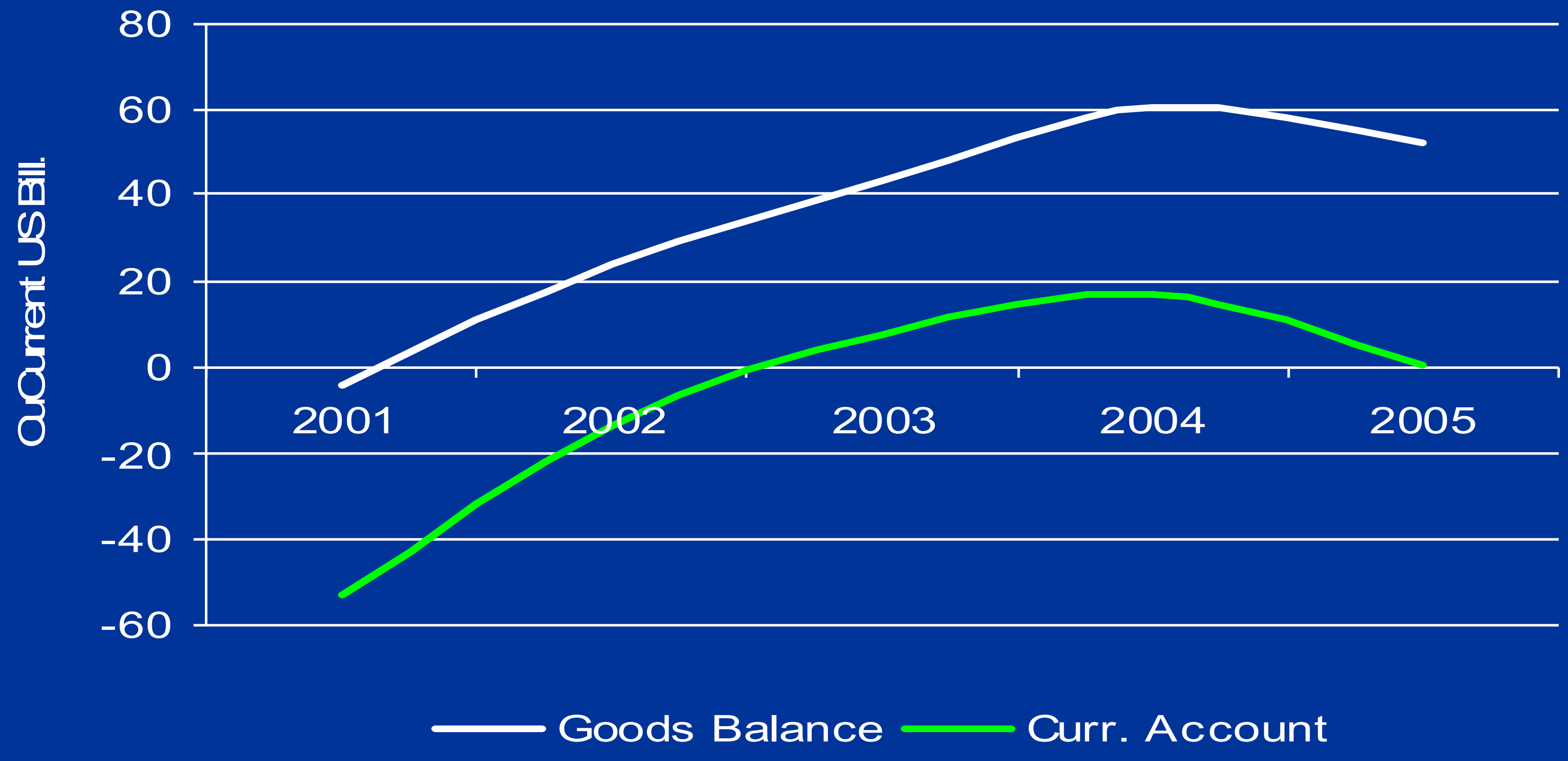
Latin America: Trade Balance and Current Account 2001 - 2005



Main Challenges

- Trade and Fiscal Deficit in the US
- Effects of Oil Prices
- Domestic Demand
- Investment
- Fiscal Policy

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