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On the publication of a preliminary estimate of the balance of payments of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 9 months of 2015 and real effective exchange rate of tenge for 10 month of 2015

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ABOUT THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

The National Bank is returning to the practice of publishing a preliminary estimate of the balance of payments of the Republic of Kazakhstan that compiling on the 30th day after the reporting period. Information is posted on the National Bank website www.nationalbank.kz.

The current account deficit for 9 months of 2015 amounted to about **4 billion US dollars**, compared with a surplus of 6.1 billion US dollars for 9 months of last year.

A trade balance for 9 months of 2015 was positive and amounted about 10.7 billion US dollars, 65% reduction compare to 9 months of last year (30.6 billion US dollars).

Export of goods for the 9 months of 2015 was **36.4 billion US dollars** (for the 9 months of last year - 62.7 billion US dollars), **import of goods - 25.7 billion US dollars** (for the 9 months of last year - 32.1 billion US dollars).

The negative **balance of income** amounted **10.9 billion US dollars** compared with 19.9 billion US dollars for 9 months of 2014. A narrowing deficit was a result of the decline in exporters' revenues and, accordingly, in nonresidents' income from direct investment. The negative balance of international services was estimated at **3.8 billion US dollars**.

For 9 months of 2015, net inflow of capital on the **financial account** (excluding errors and omissions) was 8.4 billion US dollars.

The net inflow on direct investment operations for 9 months of 2015 amounted **3.6 billion US** dollars.

A final report on the balance of payments for 9 months of 2015 will be published on the 90th day after the reporting period (December 31, 2015) which corresponds to the rules of international statistics. A preliminary estimate of the balance of payments for the year 2015 will be published in February 5, 2016.

ABOUT REAL EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATE

During 10 months of 2015 was the weakening of the tenge in real terms by **24.7%** (based on the index of the real effective exchange rate against the currencies of 34 countries), and from the beginning of 2014 to October 2015 - the weakening by **20%**.

During 10 months of 2015 was the weakening of the tenge to the ruble in real terms (real exchange rate) by 27.6%, and from the beginning of 2014 to October 2015 the tenge almost reached parity in real terms to the ruble (change in the index +0.5%).

Preliminary data on the currencies of main trading partners are presented in the table.

Table. Changes in the index of the real exchange rate of the tenge

Currency	January-October 2015	January 2014 – October 2015
To Russian Ruble	weakening by 27,6%	strengthening by 0,5%
To US Dollar	weakening by 29,7%	weakening by 36,5%
To Euro	weakening by 21,9%	weakening by 20,8%
To Chinese Yuan	weakening by 28%	weakening by 34,2%
To Belarusian Ruble	strengthening by 2,9%	weakening by 6,4%
To Kyrgyz Som	weakening by 17%	weakening by 19,3%

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