

**NIGERIA'S COMPLIANCE WITH WAMZ PRIMARY CONVERGENCE CRITERIA**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>INFLATION RATE<sup>i</sup></b>	<b>FISCAL DEFICIT TO GDP<sup>ii</sup></b>	<b>CENTRAL BANK FINANCE OF FISCAL DEFICIT<sup>iii</sup></b>	<b>GROSS OFFICIAL RESERVES/MONTHS OF IMPORTS<sup>iv</sup></b>	<b>NUMBER OF CRITERIA ACHIEVED</b>
2000	14.5	2.6	0.0	13.6	3
2001	16.5	5.5	0.0	11.3	2
2002	12.2	5.7	0.0	9.9	2
2003	23.8	2.9	10.3	6.5	2
2004	10.0	-10.9	0.0	18.7	3

<sup>i</sup> Price stability achieved by recording single-digit end-period inflation rate by 2000 and 5 per cent or less by 2003

<sup>ii</sup> Sustainable government fiscal position by reducing the budget deficit-GDP (excluding grants) ratio on commitment basis to 5% or less by end-2000 and 4% or less by end-2002

<sup>iii</sup> Limiting central bank financing of government budget deficit to 10% or less of the previous year's tax

<sup>iv</sup> Sufficient level of gross official foreign exchange reserves by maintaining at least 3 months of import cover by 2000 and 6 month by end-2003

**Source: WAMI, Central Bank of Nigeria**