

Box 3: Effect of the Drop in Terms of Trade on Investment and Long-Term Sustainable Output

Box 3: Inflation Report March 2017 Keep in mind

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AUTHOR OR EDITOR Juan Sebastián Amador Juan Pablo Cote The recent drop in the country's terms of trade had a significant impact on economic growth. This section looks at what would happen to long-term sustainable growth if that decline were to be permanent. This is particularly important when considering the Board of Directors of Banco de la República (BDBR) has a constitutional mandate to keep inflation low and steady, in coordination with an economic policy that is intended to stabilize output and employment at their sustainable long-term or "potential" levels.