

Box 1: Colombia's Flexible Credit Line with the IMF

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On May 25, 2018, the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a new agreement that was favorable to Colombia, within the framework of the flexible credit line (FCL), for 384% of the country's quota in this organization. This percentage corresponds to 7.848 billion (b) of special drawing rights (SDR), which was equivalent to approximately USD 11.4 b on the date of its approval.¹ This new line replaces the one that was approved for 400% of the quota in 2016 and which expired in June 2018. In all cases, Colombia has reported that it requests this credit line for precautionary reasons.