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*Banco de la República's* board of directors decided on December 18 to hold the benchmark interest rate at 1.75%. The decision was based on the following considerations:

• Inflation in November was below analyst and economic authorities' expectations at 1.49%.
• Inflation is projected to continue at low levels through the first quarter of 2021, later accelerating through the rest of the year.
• Year-end inflation for 2021 and 2022 is expected at 2.7% and 3%, respectively.
• The most recently available indicators of economic growth confirm a recovery in activity that is expected to continue in 2021.
• The credit portfolio and interest rates continue to respond to monetary policy stimulus.
• External financial conditions continue to favor financing of the Colombian economy.

In considering these circumstances and the general balance of risks, the Bank's board voted 5-2 to hold the benchmark interest rate at 1.75%.

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