EBA ESTIMATES: ANALYSIS OF 2022 CURRENT ACCOUNTS AND REAL EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATES1

Introduction

The attached tables contain estimates from the External Balance Assessment (EBA) analysis used as input in the <u>2023 External Sector Report</u>, including the Individual Economy Assessments. The EBA analysis is of the 2022 outturns of the current account (CA) and 2022 year-average real effective exchange rates (REER). The external sustainability (ES) analysis is with reference to the 2022 current accounts.

The estimates are based on the latest vintage of the EBA methodology, which can be found in the IMF Working Paper "2022 Update of the External Balance Assessment Methodology".

EBA estimates presented in the attached tables are provided for the 26 economies that are analyzed in the 2023 External Sector Report. In addition, estimates are also shown for the euro area aggregate, which are constructed using weighted averages of the EBA estimates for the 11 largest euro area economies.

Data Vintage

The individual economy assessments for 2022 are based on data and IMF staff projections as of April , 2023.² The analyses draw on the following data sources:

- World Economic Outlook (WEO) database as of April 2023.
- Demographic data from UN World Population Prospects 2019.
- The Financial Account Restriction Index (FARI) constructed by Fund staff in the Monetary and Capital Markets (MCM) department, updated through 2021.³
- Other third-party indicators (for example, ICRG) updated accordingly.

Organization

The attached tables are organized in four sections. As with past External Sector Reports, these correspond to four sets of estimates:

Section I: Regression-based analysis of 2022 Current Accounts
Section II: Regression-based analysis of the 2022 REER Index
Section III: Regression-based analysis of the 2022 REER Level

Section IV: External Sustainability Analysis

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² For countries with updated official CA balances by May 31 not available in the Spring WEO, revisions to the CA balances were incorporated.

³ 2021 FARI data was preliminary as of March 30, 2023.

SECTION I—CURRENT ACCOUNT REGRESSION-BASED ANALYSIS

The tables on this section present the results from the EBA analysis of 2022 current account balances (CA, as percent of GDP).

Table 1 decomposes the 2022 CA balances into a cyclical and short-term component (related to the business cycle, the commodity price cycle and short-term exchange rate movements) and a cyclically adjusted component. The latter is further decomposed into a cyclically adjusted CA "norm" (a benchmark calculated using desirable P* policy settings), the observed gap with respect to said norm that arises from the estimated contributions of four policy gaps, and a regression residual. The last column is the Total CA Gap, the sum of the overall policy gaps and the residual.

The CA numbers in Table 1 include small adjustments that have been applied uniformly across economies (in terms of an economy's own GDP) to ensure multilateral consistency. Thus, the cross-economy sum of the CA norm levels, when measured in U.S. dollars, matches the sum of the actual 2022 CA levels of all 52 EBA economies.

Table 2 breaks down the policy gap contributions by the four policies covered in the EBA CA analysis (fiscal balance, public expenditure on health, the interaction between reserve accumulation and capital controls, and private credit). For each policy gap, the reported estimates include both the total contribution and the subcomponent that is "domestic" (i.e., arising from an economy's own policies).

The four subsequent tables (Tables 3-6) show further detail on the derivation of the contribution of each policy gap. The abbreviation "wo" is used to denote the world average counterparts of the variables (in all cases, world averages are obtained as GDP-weighted averages of the relevant variables).

Table 7 shows the derivation of the cyclical component of the CA.

Table 8 shows the estimated coefficients of the EBA CA model.

Table 1. EBA Regression Analysis of 2022 Current Accounts

(In percent of GDP, includes multilateral consistency adjustments)

	Actual CA	Cyclical Contributions (incl. ToT) 1/	Cyclically Adjusted CA	Cyclically Adjusted CA Norm 2/	Contribution of Identified Policy Gaps	Unexplained Residual	Total Gap, including Residual
Argentina	-0.6%	0.2%	-0.8%	0.3%	-0.1%	-1.0%	-1.2%
Australia	1.2%	3.3%	-2.1%	-1.0%	-0.1%	-1.0%	-1.1%
Belgium	-3.5%	-1.8%	-1.7%	2.8%	1.5%	-6.0%	-4.5%
Brazil	-3.0%	0.4%	-3.3%	-2.2%	-0.2%	-0.8%	-1.1%
Canada	-0.3%	0.9%	-1.3%	2.2%	1.0%	-4.4%	-3.4%
China	2.2%	0.1%	2.2%	0.7%	1.0%	0.5%	1.5%
France	-2.1%	-0.6%	-1.5%	-0.3%	-0.8%	-0.3%	-1.1%
Germany	4.2%	-1.1%	5.3%	2.8%	-0.6%	3.1%	2.5%
India	-2.0%	-1.1%	-0.9%	-2.3%	0.1%	1.3%	1.5%
Indonesia	1.0%	2.5%	-1.5%	-1.1%	1.1%	-1.5%	-0.4%
Italy	-1.2%	-1.7%	0.6%	3.4%	-1.0%	-1.9%	-2.9%
Japan	2.1%	-1.1%	3.2%	3.5%	-2.0%	1.7%	-0.3%
Korea	1.8%	-2.4%	4.2%	4.8%	-0.6%	0.0%	-0.6%
Malaysia	3.1%	0.7%	2.4%	-0.5%	0.6%	2.3%	2.9%
Mexico	-1.3%	-0.8%	-0.4%	-1.6%	0.4%	0.8%	1.2%
Netherlands	4.4%	-1.1%	5.5%	4.8%	1.9%	-1.2%	0.7%
Poland	-3.0%	-1.2%	-1.8%	-2.7%	1.9%	-1.0%	1.0%
Russia	10.4%	3.7%	6.7%	4.0%	-0.8%	3.5%	2.7%
South Africa	-0.5%	0.9%	-1.4%	2.2%	-0.6%	-3.0%	-3.6%
Spain	0.6%	-0.8%	1.4%	-0.1%	-0.1%	1.6%	1.5%
Sweden	4.3%	-0.7%	5.0%	0.8%	1.0%	3.2%	4.2%
Switzerland	10.1%	-0.5%	10.6%	6.5%	-0.2%	4.3%	4.1%
Thailand	-3.2%	-0.9%	-2.3%	0.9%	-1.4%	-1.8%	-3.2%
Türkiye	-5.3%	-2.9%	-2.5%	-0.8%	1.5%	-3.2%	-1.7%
United Kingdom	-3.8%	-1.6%	-2.2%	-1.0%	1.2%	-2.4%	-1.2%
United States	-3.7%	-0.3%	-3.5%	-2.2%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-1.2%
Euro Area 3/	-1.0%	-1.1%	0.1%	-0.3%	-0.2%	0.7%	0.5%

^{1/} Sum of estimated contributions of output cycle and commodity terms of trade cycle.

^{2/} Current account norm determined by regression evaluated at observed fundamentals and desirable policy settings (and zero cyclical contributions).

^{3/} Euro area current account gaps and policy gap contributions are calculated as GDP-weighted averages of values for the 11 largest Euro area economies. The CA norm is corrected for reporting discrepancies in intra-area transactions, since the CA of the entire Euro area is about 2 percent of GDP less than the sum of the individual 11 countries' CA balances (for which no such correction is available).

Table 2. EBA-Estimated Policy Gap Contributions to 2022 Current Accounts

-	All (sum)	Fiscal E	Balance	Healt	h Exp.	Δ Reser	ves * KC	Cre	edit
	Total	Dom.	Total	Dom.	Total	Dom.	Total	Dom.	Total	Dom.
Argentina	-0.1%	-0.9%	0.4%	-0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.1%	0.3%
Australia	-0.1%	-0.9%	0.1%	-1.0%	-0.3%	-0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.5%
Belgium	1.5%	0.7%	0.0%	-1.1%	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	2.1%
Brazil	-0.2%	-1.0%	0.7%	-0.5%	0.2%	0.2%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-0.8%	-0.4%
Canada	1.0%	0.2%	0.9%	-0.2%	-0.8%	-0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	1.2%
China	1.0%	0.2%	-0.4%	-1.5%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.9%	1.3%
France	-0.8%	-1.6%	0.1%	-1.0%	-0.3%	-0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.6%	-0.2%
Germany	-0.6%	-1.4%	0.7%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.9%	-0.5%
India	0.1%	-0.6%	0.0%	-1.2%	0.2%	0.1%	-0.4%	-0.5%	0.4%	0.8%
Indonesia	1.1%	0.3%	1.1%	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.5%	-0.1%
Italy	-1.0%	-1.7%	-1.5%	-2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.9%
Japan	-2.0%	-2.8%	-1.0%	-2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.1%	-0.7%
Korea	-0.6%	-1.3%	0.9%	-0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-1.5%	-1.1%
Malaysia	0.6%	-0.2%	0.2%	-0.9%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	-0.8%	-0.4%
Mexico	0.4%	-0.3%	0.6%	-0.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.3%	0.1%
Netherlands	1.9%	1.1%	0.8%	-0.4%	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	1.7%
Poland	1.9%	1.2%	0.2%	-0.9%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.9%	1.3%
Russia	-0.8%	-1.6%	-0.8%	-2.0%	0.3%	0.3%	-0.7%	-0.7%	0.5%	0.9%
South Africa	-0.6%	-1.3%	-0.1%	-1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.5%	-0.5%	0.0%	0.4%
Spain	-0.1%	-0.8%	0.5%	-0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.5%	-0.1%
Sweden	1.0%	0.2%	1.1%	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%
Switzerland	-0.2%	-1.0%	1.5%	0.3%	-0.3%	-0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	-1.6%	-1.2%
Thailand	-1.4%	-2.2%	0.3%	-0.9%	0.1%	0.1%	-0.2%	-0.3%	-1.5%	-1.1%
Türkiye	1.5%	0.7%	1.8%	0.6%	-0.4%	-0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.6%
United Kingdom	1.2%	0.5%	-0.3%	-1.5%	-0.6%	-0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	2.5%
United States	-0.6%	-1.4%	-0.1%	-1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.5%	-0.1%
Euro Area (agg) 1/	-0.2%	-1.0%	0.2%	-0.9%	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.2%	0.2%

^{1/} Euro area policy gap contributions are GDP-weighted averages of the 11 largest Euro area economies.

Table 3. Breakdown of 2022 Policy Gap Contribution: Fiscal Balance/GDP

	Overall Contribution	Beta	Policy Gap 1/	(P-P*)	Р	P*	P_wo	P*_wo
Argentina	0.4%	0.31	1.3%	-2.4%	-3.9%	-1.5%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Australia	0.1%	0.31	0.3%	-3.4%	-3.4%	0.0%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Belgium	0.0%	0.31	0.0%	-3.7%	-4.8%	-1.1%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Brazil	0.7%	0.31	2.2%	-1.5%	-5.0%	-3.5%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Canada	0.9%	0.31	3.1%	-0.6%	-1.0%	-0.4%	-5.3%	-1.6%
China	-0.4%	0.31	-1.3%	-5.0%	-6.8%	-1.8%	-5.3%	-1.6%
France	0.1%	0.31	0.4%	-3.3%	-4.4%	-1.1%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Germany	0.7%	0.31	2.1%	-1.6%	-2.8%	-1.3%	-5.3%	-1.6%
India	0.0%	0.31	-0.1%	-3.8%	-9.6%	-5.8%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Indonesia	1.1%	0.31	3.6%	-0.2%	-2.2%	-2.0%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Italy	-1.5%	0.31	-4.9%	-8.6%	-8.1%	0.5%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Japan	-1.0%	0.31	-3.1%	-6.8%	-7.8%	-1.0%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Korea	0.9%	0.31	2.8%	-0.9%	-0.9%	0.0%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Malaysia	0.2%	0.31	0.7%	-3.0%	-5.5%	-2.5%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Mexico	0.6%	0.31	2.1%	-1.6%	-4.3%	-2.7%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Netherlands	0.8%	0.31	2.5%	-1.2%	-2.1%	-0.9%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Poland	0.2%	0.31	0.6%	-3.1%	-4.1%	-1.0%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Russia	-0.8%	0.31	-2.7%	-6.4%	-2.0%	4.4%	-5.3%	-1.6%
South Africa	-0.1%	0.31	-0.4%	-4.1%	-5.5%	-1.4%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Spain	0.5%	0.31	1.5%	-2.2%	-4.2%	-2.0%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Sweden	1.1%	0.31	3.5%	-0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Switzerland	1.5%	0.31	4.8%	1.1%	0.1%	-1.0%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Thailand	0.3%	0.31	0.8%	-2.9%	-5.2%	-2.3%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Türkiye	1.8%	0.31	5.7%	2.0%	-2.3%	-4.3%	-5.3%	-1.6%
United Kingdom	-0.3%	0.31	-1.1%	-4.8%	-7.2%	-2.4%	-5.3%	-1.6%
United States	-0.1%	0.31	-0.4%	-4.1%	-5.8%	-1.7%	-5.3%	-1.6%
Euro Area (agg)	0.2%	0.31	0.6%	-3.1%	-4.0%	-0.9%	-5.3%	-1.6%

^{1/ (}P-P_wo) - (P*-P*_wo).

Table 4. Breakdown of 2022 Policy Gap Contribution: Public Expenditure on Health/GDP 1/

	Overall Contribution	Beta	Policy Gap 2/	(P-P*)	Р	P *	P_wo	P*_wo	P* Bench- mark from Regression 3/
Argentina	0.0%	-0.30	0.0%	0.0%	6.5%	6.5%	6.6%	6.6%	4.7%
Australia	-0.3%	-0.30	1.1%	1.1%	8.3%	7.2%	6.6%	6.6%	7.1%
Belgium	-0.2%	-0.30	0.7%	0.7%	8.6%	7.9%	6.6%	6.6%	7.6%
Brazil	0.2%	-0.30	-0.6%	-0.5%	3.9%	4.4%	6.6%	6.6%	3.5%
Canada	-0.8%	-0.30	2.5%	2.6%	9.6%	7.0%	6.6%	6.6%	7.3%
China	0.2%	-0.30	-0.7%	-0.7%	3.3%	4.0%	6.6%	6.6%	4.1%
France	-0.3%	-0.30	1.0%	1.1%	10.4%	9.3%	6.6%	6.6%	8.1%
Germany	-0.4%	-0.30	1.4%	1.4%	11.0%	9.6%	6.6%	6.6%	8.2%
India	0.2%	-0.30	-0.5%	-0.5%	1.3%	1.8%	6.6%	6.6%	1.6%
Indonesia	0.4%	-0.30	-1.4%	-1.4%	1.6%	3.0%	6.6%	6.6%	2.5%
Italy	0.0%	-0.30	-0.1%	-0.1%	6.8%	6.8%	6.6%	6.6%	8.0%
Japan	0.0%	-0.30	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	9.1%	6.6%	6.6%	9.2%
Korea	0.1%	-0.30	-0.2%	-0.2%	5.6%	5.8%	6.6%	6.6%	6.2%
Malaysia	0.6%	-0.30	-2.1%	-2.1%	2.0%	4.1%	6.6%	6.6%	4.3%
Mexico	0.1%	-0.30	-0.3%	-0.2%	3.4%	3.6%	6.6%	6.6%	3.7%
Netherlands	-0.2%	-0.30	0.6%	0.6%	9.4%	8.8%	6.6%	6.6%	8.0%
Poland	0.3%	-0.30	-1.1%	-1.0%	5.6%	6.6%	6.6%	6.6%	6.6%
Russia	0.3%	-0.30	-0.9%	-0.9%	4.6%	5.5%	6.6%	6.6%	5.7%
South Africa	0.0%	-0.30	-0.1%	-0.1%	4.0%	4.1%	6.6%	6.6%	2.8%
Spain	0.0%	-0.30	0.0%	0.0%	6.5%	6.5%	6.6%	6.6%	6.9%
Sweden	-0.2%	-0.30	0.8%	0.8%	9.8%	9.0%	6.6%	6.6%	8.3%
Switzerland	-0.3%	-0.30	0.9%	0.9%	8.4%	7.5%	6.6%	6.6%	8.0%
Thailand	0.1%	-0.30	-0.3%	-0.3%	3.8%	4.1%	6.6%	6.6%	4.3%
Türkiye	-0.4%	-0.30	1.4%	1.4%	5.0%	3.6%	6.6%	6.6%	4.8%
United Kingdom	-0.6%	-0.30	2.0%	2.0%	9.9%	7.9%	6.6%	6.6%	7.4%
United States	0.0%	-0.30	0.0%	0.0%	8.4%	8.4%	6.6%	6.6%	7.8%
Euro Area (agg)	-0.2%	-0.30	0.7%	0.7%	9.1%	8.4%	6.6%	6.6%	7.9%

^{1/} This variable is lagged in estimation, thus 2021 values are shown; before small M.C. adjustment.

^{2/ (}P-P_wo) - (P*-P*_wo).

^{3/} Fitted value from cross-country regression of public health expenditure on relative per capita income, old age dependency, and income inequality (Gini coefficient). For reference; desk value may differ.

Table 5. Breakdown of 2022 Policy Gap Contribution: (Change in FX Reserves)/GDP 1/

	Overall		Policy Gap	(P_KC)-	(P_KC)	(P_KC)*	(P_KC)	(P_KC)*		Comp	onents	
	Contri- bution	Beta	2/	(P_KC)*	()	()	_wo	_wo	Р	P*	KC	KC*
Argentina	-0.5%	0.63	-0.8%	-0.8%	0.1%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	3.0%	0.72	0.30
Australia	0.0%	0.63	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.12	0.12
Belgium	0.0%	0.63	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.14	0.14
Brazil	-0.3%	0.63	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.2%	0.0%	0.41	0.30
Canada	0.0%	0.63	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.09	0.09
China	0.3%	0.63	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.75	0.30
France	0.0%	0.63	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.07	0.07
Germany	0.0%	0.63	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.26	0.26
India	-0.4%	0.63	-0.7%	-0.7%	-0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.9%	0.0%	0.79	0.30
Indonesia	0.0%	0.63	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.47	0.30
Italy	0.0%	0.63	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.03	0.03
Japan	0.0%	0.63	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.5%	0.0%	0.10	0.10
Korea	-0.1%	0.63	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.7%	0.0%	0.07	0.07
Malaysia	0.5%	0.63	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	0.57	0.30
Mexico	0.0%	0.63	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.45	0.30
Netherlands	0.0%	0.63	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.03	0.03
Poland	0.5%	0.63	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.41	0.30
Russia	-0.7%	0.63	-1.1%	-1.2%	-1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.2%	0.0%	0.53	0.30
South Africa	-0.5%	0.63	-0.8%	-0.9%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	3.0%	0.60	0.30
Spain	0.0%	0.63	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.17	0.17
Sweden	0.2%	0.63	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.16	0.16
Switzerland	0.2%	0.63	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.19	0.19
Thailand	-0.2%	0.63	-0.4%	-0.4%	-0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.8%	0.0%	0.48	0.30
Türkiye	0.0%	0.63	0.0%	-0.1%	0.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	1.2%	0.40	0.30
United Kingdom	0.0%	0.63	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.10	0.10
United States	0.0%	0.63	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.21	0.21
Euro Area (agg)	0.0%	0.63	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.14	0.14

^{1/} Before small Multilateral Consistency adjustment.

 $^{2/[(}P_KC)-(P_KC)_wo] - [(P_KC)^*-(P_KC)^*_wo].$

Table 6. Breakdown of 2022 Policy Gap Contribution : Private Credit/GDP (HP detrended)

	Overall Contribution	Beta	Policy Gap 1/	(P-P*)	Р	P*	P_wo	P*_wo
Argentina	-0.1%	-0.10	0.7%	-3.5%	-3.5%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Australia	0.1%	-0.10	-0.8%	-4.9%	-4.9%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Belgium	1.7%	-0.10	-17.3%	-21.5%	-21.5%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Brazil	-0.8%	-0.10	8.0%	3.8%	3.8%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Canada	0.8%	-0.10	-8.1%	-12.3%	-12.3%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
China	0.9%	-0.10	-8.9%	-13.1%	-13.1%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
France	-0.6%	-0.10	6.4%	2.3%	2.3%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Germany	-0.9%	-0.10	9.4%	5.3%	5.3%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
India	0.4%	-0.10	-4.5%	-8.7%	-8.7%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Indonesia	-0.5%	-0.10	4.9%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Italy	0.5%	-0.10	-4.8%	-9.0%	-9.0%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Japan	-1.1%	-0.10	11.2%	7.0%	16.0%	9.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Korea	-1.5%	-0.10	15.2%	11.0%	11.0%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Malaysia	-0.8%	-0.10	8.7%	4.5%	4.5%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Mexico	-0.3%	-0.10	2.7%	-1.5%	-1.5%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Netherlands	1.3%	-0.10	-13.3%	-17.5%	-17.5%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Poland	0.9%	-0.10	-9.6%	-13.8%	-13.8%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Russia	0.5%	-0.10	-4.9%	-9.1%	-9.1%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
South Africa	0.0%	-0.10	-0.5%	-4.6%	-4.6%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Spain	-0.5%	-0.10	5.7%	1.5%	0.5%	-1.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Sweden	0.0%	-0.10	0.1%	-4.1%	-4.1%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Switzerland	-1.6%	-0.10	16.6%	12.4%	12.4%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Thailand	-1.5%	-0.10	16.1%	12.0%	12.0%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Türkiye	0.2%	-0.10	-1.8%	-6.0%	-6.0%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
United Kingdom	2.1%	-0.10	-22.3%	-26.4%	-26.4%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
United States	-0.5%	-0.10	5.7%	1.5%	1.5%	0.0%	-3.9%	0.3%
Euro Area (agg)	-0.2%	-0.10	2.4%	-1.8%	-2.1%	-0.3%	-3.9%	0.3%

^{1/ (}P-P_wo) - (P*-P*_wo).

Table 7. Estimated Contribution to Current Account of Output Gap and TOT Gap in 2022

	Relative outpu	t gap coeffic	cient =	-0.30	ToT Gap * Oper	nness Coefficient		0.29	REER log- change (lagged) Coefficient =	-0.01	Contribution
	Contribution		Data		Contribution		Data		Contribution	Data	Sum
	rel. ygap	rel. ygap	ygap	ygap_wo	tgap*open	tgap*open	tgap	open2y	L.REER log chg	L.REER log chg	
Argentina	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	1.1%	6.8%	15.7%	-0.1%	4.2%	0.2%
Australia	-0.4%	1.2%	1.2%	0.0%	3.8%	12.9%	52.6%	24.5%	-0.1%	5.9%	3.3%
Belgium	-0.3%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	-1.5%	-5.1%	-5.4%	95.4%	0.0%	0.2%	-1.8%
Brazil	-0.4%	1.2%	1.2%	0.0%	0.7%	2.3%	11.5%	19.6%	0.0%	-3.3%	0.4%
Canada	-0.2%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	1.2%	4.3%	12.7%	33.6%	-0.1%	4.7%	0.9%
China	0.8%	-2.8%	-2.8%	0.0%	-0.7%	-2.5%	-13.1%	19.0%	0.0%	2.9%	0.1%
France	0.2%	-0.7%	-0.7%	0.0%	-0.8%	-2.9%	-7.8%	37.4%	0.0%	-0.6%	-0.6%
Germany	-0.1%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	-0.9%	-3.2%	-6.5%	49.6%	0.0%	0.8%	-1.1%
India	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.2%	-4.0%	-16.2%	24.6%	0.0%	-0.4%	-1.1%
Indonesia	0.3%	-1.1%	-1.1%	0.0%	2.1%	7.4%	33.1%	22.3%	0.0%	-1.4%	2.5%
Italy	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	-1.7%	-5.9%	-15.8%	37.5%	0.0%	-0.2%	-1.7%
Japan	0.3%	-0.9%	-0.9%	0.0%	-1.5%	-5.2%	-22.1%	23.6%	0.1%	-9.0%	-1.1%
Korea	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	-2.4%	-8.4%	-17.2%	49.0%	0.0%	0.1%	-2.4%
Malaysia	-0.3%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%	3.4%	4.9%	70.4%	0.0%	-1.3%	0.7%
Mexico	0.1%	-0.4%	-0.4%	0.0%	-0.9%	-3.0%	-6.6%	45.8%	-0.1%	5.7%	-0.8%
Netherlands	-0.5%	1.8%	1.8%	0.0%	-0.6%	-2.0%	-2.2%	87.9%	0.0%	0.2%	-1.1%
Poland	-0.6%	1.9%	1.9%	0.0%	-0.7%	-2.3%	-3.7%	61.8%	0.0%	-0.4%	-1.2%
Russia	0.3%	-1.1%	-1.1%	0.0%	3.4%	11.7%	53.0%	22.0%	0.0%	-1.7%	3.7%
South Africa	0.2%	-0.6%	-0.6%	0.0%	0.9%	3.0%	9.4%	32.5%	-0.1%	8.9%	0.9%
Spain	0.1%	-0.4%	-0.4%	0.0%	-1.0%	-3.3%	-8.1%	40.8%	0.0%	0.9%	-0.8%
Sweden	-0.4%	1.4%	1.4%	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.8%	-1.5%	51.8%	0.0%	2.9%	-0.7%
Switzerland	-0.2%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	-0.3%	-1.2%	-1.7%	69.5%	0.0%	-2.5%	-0.5%
Thailand	0.8%	-2.6%	-2.6%	0.0%	-1.8%	-6.1%	-9.9%	61.8%	0.1%	-5.8%	-0.9%
Türkiye	-0.7%	2.4%	2.4%	0.0%	-2.3%	-8.0%	-20.0%	40.2%	0.2%	-10.8%	-2.9%
United Kingdom	-0.5%	1.7%	1.8%	0.0%	-1.0%	-3.4%	-9.8%	34.5%	-0.1%	3.8%	-1.6%
United States	-0.4%	1.4%	1.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	3.1%	13.7%	0.0%	-2.0%	-0.3%
Euro Area (agg)	-0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	-1.1%	-3.7%	-7.0%	52.3%	0.0%	0.2%	-1.1%

Table 8. EBA Analysis of the CA: Coefficients

	(1)
	Current
	Account Model
	Model
Temporary and Cyclical Factors	
Output gap	-0.297***
Commodity terms of trade, interacted with trade openness	0.291***
REER annual log-change (lagged)	-0.015***
Macroeconomic Fundamentals	
Net foreign asset (NFA) position	0.036***
Output per worker	0.034***
Expected GDP growth	-0.296***
Structural Fundamentals	
Old-age dependency ratio (OAD)	-0.096**
Population growth	-0.797**
Share of prime-aged savers	0.124**
Life expectancy	-0.004***
Life expectancy, interacted with OAD	0.013***
Institutional quality	-0.046**
Oil and gas reserves	0.304***
Policy Variables	
Fiscal policy	0.307***
Health spending	-0.298**
FXI, interacted with capital controls	0.631***
Credit gap	-0.096***
Observations	1,480
R-squared	0.525
Root MSE	0.032
Number of economies	52

Note: *Significant at 10 percent; **significant at 5 percent; ***significant at 1 percent based on Driscoll-Kraay standard errors (not shown).

SECTION II—REER REGRESSION-BASED ANALYSIS: INDEX REER

This section contains results from the EBA analysis of 2022 (year average) REER index values.

The summary table (Table 9) identifies a Total (Index) REER Gap as the sum of two parts: a gap that arises from the estimated contributions of policy gaps, and a gap that is the regression residual. As with the CA gaps, the REER gap estimates are adjusted for multilateral consistency.

Table 10 breaks down the policy gap contributions into the four policies covered by EBA's REER regression-based analysis (health expenditure, reserves accumulation interacted with capital controls, private credit, and the real short term interest rate interacted with capital openness). The contributions of each policy gap are calculated analogously to the procedure used for the CA analysis, and as with the CA tables, the reported estimates show both the total contribution and the subcomponent that is "domestic" for each policy gap.

Finally, Table 11 shows the estimated coefficients of the Index REER model.

Table 9. EBA Regression Analysis of the 2022 REER using the REER-Index Model

			Net Con	tributions of	Policy Gap	s	_	
	Total REER Gap ^a	Sum	Health Exp.	Reserves	Private Credit	Real Interest Rate	Residual ^a	Memo: Dec'22 REER, % dev. from 2021 avg. REER (GDS)
Argentina	25.0%	1.2%	-0.1%	1.0%	-0.1%	0.4%	23.9%	22.7%
Australia	-20.1%	3.7%	1.7%	-0.1%	-0.1%	2.3%	-23.8%	0.0%
Belgium	16.9%	1.2%	0.3%	-0.1%	-1.8%	2.8%	15.6%	1.7%
Brazil	-29.1%	1.6%	-1.4%	0.9%	0.7%	1.4%	-30.7%	10.6%
Canada	1.9%	5.4%	4.7%	0.0%	-1.1%	1.8%	-3.5%	-4.6%
China	16.1%	-1.7%	-1.7%	-0.9%	-1.4%	2.3%	17.7%	-5.7%
France	-4.8%	4.9%	1.2%	0.0%	0.7%	3.1%	-9.7%	-4.6%
Germany	6.7%	6.0%	2.0%	-0.1%	1.1%	3.0%	0.7%	-2.3%
India	12.5%	0.9%	-1.3%	1.3%	-0.5%	1.4%	11.6%	-2.6%
Indonesia	-2.7%	-0.5%	-2.8%	-0.1%	0.3%	2.1%	-2.2%	-0.8%
Italy	12.3%	0.9%	-1.2%	0.0%	-0.6%	2.7%	11.4%	1.5%
Japan	-31.7%	2.7%	0.1%	0.1%	1.0%	1.6%	-34.4%	-15.3%
Korea	-1.9%	2.9%	-0.3%	0.3%	1.4%	1.5%	-4.8%	-3.8%
Malaysia	-25.2%	-3.7%	-4.1%	-1.7%	0.7%	1.5%	-21.6%	-0.7%
Mexico	-3.8%	0.9%	-0.7%	0.1%	-0.1%	1.5%	-4.7%	10.5%
Netherlands	27.8%	1.3%	0.0%	-0.1%	-1.3%	2.6%	26.5%	1.1%
Poland	2.7%	-1.3%	-3.1%	-1.5%	-1.0%	4.3%	4.0%	5.8%
Russia	5.7%	1.9%	-2.4%	1.7%	-0.5%	3.1%	3.8%	52.2%
South Africa	-3.5%	3.8%	-0.9%	1.7%	0.0%	3.1%	-7.4%	-5.6%
Spain	10.6%	2.6%	-1.2%	0.0%	0.6%	3.2%	7.9%	-2.1%
Sweden	-15.9%	2.4%	0.5%	-0.4%	0.3%	2.0%	-18.3%	-5.6%
Switzerland	11.9%	2.7%	0.7%	-0.5%	1.5%	0.9%	9.2%	1.3%
Thailand	6.7%	2.5%	-0.6%	0.8%	1.4%	1.0%	4.2%	0.8%
Türkiye	-46.3%	0.3%	1.9%	0.1%	-0.2%	-1.5%	-46.6%	-6.6%
United Kingdom	-8.4%	2.8%	3.1%	0.0%	-2.4%	2.0%	-11.2%	-0.8%
United States	10.7%	1.3%	-0.8%	0.0%	0.6%	1.5%	9.4%	10.7%
Euro Area	7.6%	3.5%	0.5%	-0.1%	0.2%	2.9%	4.1%	-1.6%

^aFor multilateral consistency, adjusted by the weighted average of the 2022 regression residuals (subtracting -4.9%).

Table 10. Estimated Policy Gap Contributions in the 2022 REER-Index Model

Table 10. Estilla	All (s			h Exp.		eserves		Credit	Intere	st Rate
	Total	Dom.	Total	Dom.	Total	Dom.	Total	Dom.	Total	Dom.
Argentina	1.2%	-0.6%	-0.1%	0.0%	1.0%	1.3%	-0.1%	-0.3%	0.4%	-1.6%
Australia	3.7%	1.5%	1.7%	2.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.5%	2.3%	-0.1%
Belgium	1.2%	-1.2%	0.3%	1.4%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-1.8%	-2.1%	2.8%	-0.4%
Brazil	1.6%	-0.5%	-1.4%	-1.0%	0.9%	1.1%	0.7%	0.4%	1.4%	-1.0%
Canada	5.4%	3.6%	4.7%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.1%	-1.2%	1.8%	-0.1%
China	-1.7%	-3.3%	-1.7%	-1.3%	-0.9%	-0.8%	-1.4%	-1.3%	2.3%	0.1%
France	4.9%	1.9%	1.2%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.2%	3.1%	-0.3%
Germany	6.0%	2.8%	2.0%	2.7%	-0.1%	-0.1%	1.1%	0.5%	3.0%	-0.3%
India	0.9%	-1.4%	-1.3%	-0.9%	1.3%	1.3%	-0.5%	-0.9%	1.4%	-0.9%
Indonesia	-0.5%	-2.5%	-2.8%	-2.6%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	2.1%	0.0%
Italy	0.9%	-1.5%	-1.2%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.6%	-0.9%	2.7%	-0.4%
Japan	2.7%	0.7%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	1.0%	0.7%	1.6%	0.0%
Korea	2.9%	0.9%	-0.3%	-0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	1.4%	1.1%	1.5%	0.0%
Malaysia	-3.7%	-5.5%	-4.1%	-4.0%	-1.7%	-1.6%	0.7%	0.5%	1.5%	-0.4%
Mexico	0.9%	-0.8%	-0.7%	-0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	1.5%	-0.3%
Netherlands	1.3%	-1.1%	0.0%	1.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-1.3%	-1.7%	2.6%	-0.4%
Poland	-1.3%	-4.2%	-3.1%	-1.9%	-1.5%	-1.5%	-1.0%	-1.4%	4.3%	0.6%
Russia	1.9%	-0.7%	-2.4%	-1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	-0.5%	-0.9%	3.1%	0.2%
South Africa	3.8%	1.6%	-0.9%	-0.2%	1.7%	1.8%	0.0%	-0.5%	3.1%	0.5%
Spain	2.6%	-0.2%	-1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.1%	3.2%	-0.3%
Sweden	2.4%	-0.4%	0.5%	1.5%	-0.4%	-0.4%	0.3%	-0.4%	2.0%	-1.1%
Switzerland	2.7%	0.1%	0.7%	1.8%	-0.5%	-0.4%	1.5%	1.2%	0.9%	-2.5%
Thailand	2.5%	0.6%	-0.6%	-0.6%	0.8%	0.8%	1.4%	1.2%	1.0%	-0.9%
Türkiye	0.3%	-2.6%	1.9%	2.7%	0.1%	0.2%	-0.2%	-0.6%	-1.5%	-4.9%
United Kingdom	2.8%	-0.3%	3.1%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.4%	-2.6%	2.0%	-1.4%
United States	1.3%	0.1%	-0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.2%	1.5%	0.0%

Table 11. EBA Analysis of the Index REER: Coefficients

	(1)
	REER Index
	Model
Cyclical Factors	
Output Gap	0.516**
Commodity terms of trade (log, index)	0.160***
Macroeconomic Fundamentals	
Net foreign asset (NFA) position	-0.105***
Output per worker	0.241***
Expected GDP growth	3.112***
Financial Home bias (lagged)	0.258***
Structural Fundamentals	
Trade Openness	-0.153
Policy Variables	
Real interest rates, interacted with capital openess	0.875***
Health spending	1.886**
Credit gap	0.099**
FXI, interacted with capital controls	-1.901*
Observations	1,105
Adjusted R-squared	0.557
RMSE	0.090
Cragg-Donald Wald F statistic	36.509
Number of Economies	41

Note: *Significant at 10 percent; **significant at 5 percent; ***significant at 1 percent based on heteroskedastic and autocorrelation-consistent standard errors (not shown).

SECTION III— REER REGRESSION-BASED ANALYSIS: LEVEL REER

This section contains results from the EBA analysis of 2022 (year average) levels of the REER. The key difference with respect to the results presented in Section II is that the regression analysis uses a measure of the level of the economy's real exchange rate as the dependent variable (rather than a REER index, which contains no information about the relative prices across economies). In addition, the Level REER regression only identifies the contributions of three policy variables to the REER gap (health expenditure, reserves accumulation interacted with capital controls, and the real short term interest rate interacted with capital openness).

The structure and presentation of the tables are similar to that of Section II.

Table 12. EBA Regression Analysis of the 2022 REER using the REER-Level Model

Table 12. EBA Reg	-		Net Contribution			
	Total REER — Gap ^a	Sum	Health Exp.	Reserves	Real Interest Rate	Residual ^a
Argentina	10.8%	5.2%	-0.3%	4.9%	0.6%	5.6%
Australia	23.4%	6.4%	3.1%	-0.7%	3.9%	17.0%
Belgium	31.3%	4.9%	0.5%	-0.5%	4.9%	26.3%
Brazil	-14.4%	4.2%	-2.6%	4.5%	2.3%	-18.6%
Canada	-10.5%	11.9%	9.0%	-0.2%	3.2%	-22.4%
China	12.7%	-3.8%	-3.2%	-4.5%	3.9%	16.4%
France	5.3%	7.5%	2.2%	-0.1%	5.4%	-2.2%
Germany	-9.5%	8.7%	3.8%	-0.3%	5.1%	-18.2%
India	10.6%	6.2%	-2.5%	6.2%	2.5%	4.4%
Indonesia	-16.3%	-2.0%	-5.3%	-0.3%	3.6%	-14.2%
Italy	15.4%	2.2%	-2.4%	-0.2%	4.7%	13.2%
Japan	-31.4%	3.2%	0.1%	0.4%	2.8%	-34.6%
Korea	3.4%	3.3%	-0.7%	1.3%	2.6%	0.1%
Malaysia	-29.3%	-13.5%	-7.8%	-8.3%	2.5%	-15.8%
Mexico	14.9%	1.7%	-1.3%	0.4%	2.7%	13.1%
Netherlands	15.0%	4.4%	0.1%	-0.3%	4.5%	10.7%
Poland	-19.0%	-5.8%	-6.0%	-7.3%	7.5%	-13.2%
Russia	-4.7%	9.1%	-4.5%	8.3%	5.4%	-13.8%
South Africa	12.8%	11.9%	-1.7%	8.3%	5.3%	0.9%
Spain	29.2%	3.2%	-2.2%	-0.1%	5.5%	26.0%
Sweden	-17.0%	2.6%	1.0%	-2.0%	3.5%	-19.6%
Switzerland	17.6%	0.7%	1.4%	-2.3%	1.6%	16.9%
Thailand	-2.6%	4.3%	-1.1%	3.8%	1.7%	-7.0%
Türkiye	-56.7%	1.4%	3.6%	0.5%	-2.6%	-58.1%
United Kingdom	2.3%	9.3%	6.0%	-0.2%	3.5%	-7.0%
United States	22.8%	0.9%	-1.5%	-0.2%	2.6%	21.9%
Euro Area	8.0%	5.7%	0.9%	-0.3%	5.0%	2.3%

^a For multilateral consistency, adjusted by the weighted average of the 2022 regression residuals (subtracting -10.3%).

Table 13. Estimated Policy Gap Contributions in the 2022 REER-Level Model

	All (sum)		Health Exp.		Δ in Reserves		Interest Rate	
	Total	Dom.	Total	Dom.	Total	Dom.	Total	Dom.
Argentina	5.2%	3.6%	-0.3%	0.0%	4.9%	6.3%	0.6%	-2.7%
Australia	6.4%	3.7%	3.1%	3.9%	-0.7%	-0.1%	3.9%	-0.1%
Belgium	4.9%	1.6%	0.5%	2.6%	-0.5%	-0.3%	4.9%	-0.6%
Brazil	4.2%	1.8%	-2.6%	-1.9%	4.5%	5.3%	2.3%	-1.6%
Canada	11.9%	9.1%	9.0%	9.2%	-0.2%	0.0%	3.2%	-0.1%
China	-3.8%	-6.1%	-3.2%	-2.5%	-4.5%	-3.7%	3.9%	0.1%
France	7.5%	3.3%	2.2%	3.9%	-0.1%	0.0%	5.4%	-0.6%
Germany	8.7%	4.3%	3.8%	5.1%	-0.3%	-0.3%	5.1%	-0.5%
India	6.2%	3.2%	-2.5%	-1.7%	6.2%	6.6%	2.5%	-1.6%
Indonesia	-2.0%	-4.8%	-5.3%	-5.0%	-0.3%	0.2%	3.6%	0.0%
Italy	2.2%	-1.1%	-2.4%	-0.4%	-0.2%	-0.1%	4.7%	-0.6%
Japan	3.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	2.8%	0.0%
Korea	3.3%	0.3%	-0.7%	-0.7%	1.3%	1.1%	2.6%	-0.1%
Malaysia	-13.5%	-16.0%	-7.8%	-7.5%	-8.3%	-7.8%	2.5%	-0.6%
Mexico	1.7%	-0.8%	-1.3%	-0.8%	0.4%	0.5%	2.7%	-0.5%
Netherlands	4.4%	1.2%	0.1%	2.2%	-0.3%	-0.3%	4.5%	-0.7%
Poland	-5.8%	-9.8%	-6.0%	-3.7%	-7.3%	-7.1%	7.5%	1.0%
Russia	9.1%	5.5%	-4.5%	-3.2%	8.3%	8.3%	5.4%	0.4%
South Africa	11.9%	9.1%	-1.7%	-0.4%	8.3%	8.7%	5.3%	0.8%
Spain	3.2%	-0.6%	-2.2%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	5.5%	-0.6%
Sweden	2.6%	-1.0%	1.0%	2.9%	-2.0%	-1.9%	3.5%	-1.9%
Switzerland	0.7%	-3.1%	1.4%	3.4%	-2.3%	-2.2%	1.6%	-4.3%
Thailand	4.3%	1.5%	-1.1%	-1.1%	3.8%	4.0%	1.7%	-1.5%
Türkiye	1.4%	-2.4%	3.6%	5.1%	0.5%	0.9%	-2.6%	-8.4%
United Kingdom	9.3%	4.7%	6.0%	7.2%	-0.2%	-0.1%	3.5%	-2.4%
United States	0.9%	-0.1%	-1.5%	0.0%	-0.2%	0.0%	2.6%	-0.1%

Table 14. EBA Analysis of the Level REER: Coefficients

	(1)
	REER Level
	Model
Cyclical Factors	
Commodity terms of trade, interacted with trade ope	0.054
Macroeconomic Fundamentals	
Net foreign asset (NFA) position	0.112***
Output per worker	0.247***
Expected GDP growth	3.308***
Reserve currency status (RCS)	-0.174**
Traded/Non Traded productivity (log, lagged)	0.180***
Structural Fundamentals	
Old-age dependency ratio (OAD)	0.894***
Population growth	9.081***
Institutional quality	0.587***
Trade Openness	-0.400***
VAT revenue, percent of GDP	1.209**
Policy Variables	
Real interest rates, interacted with capital openess	1.511***
FXI, interacted with capital controls	-9.290***
Health spending	3.580***
Observations	1,078
Adjusted R-squared	0.801
RMSE	0.194
Cragg-Donald Wald F statistic	40.831
Number of Economies	40

Note: *Significant at 10 percent; **significant at 5 percent; ***significant at 1 percent based on heteroskedastic and autocorrelation-consistent standard errors (not shown).

SECTION IV— EXTERNAL SUSTAINABILITY ANALYSIS

The table on the following page presents the results from the application of the External Sustainability (ES) approach, which was originally developed based on the CGER methodology.

The ES approach calculates the CA/GDP adjustment consistent with stabilizing the Net Foreign Asset position (NFA as percent of GDP) at a benchmark level set at the 2022 observed NFA/GDP ratio (first column). More precisely, this approach calculates the CA/GDP level that would stabilize the NFA/GDP at the benchmark level and compares it to the 2022 cyclically adjusted CA/GDP. The resulting CA gap, given by the difference between the two values, is shown in the fifth column. The sixth column shows the estimated medium-term, country-specific semi-elasticities between the CA and the REER, and the last column shows the corresponding REER gap, calculated using these elasticities.

Table 15. External Sustainability Approach: 2022 NFA-stabilizing Current Accounts¹

	NFA/GDP	Actual CA/GDP ²	Cyclically Adjusted CA/GDP	CA/GDP Stabilizing NFA at 2022 Level	CA/GDP Gap	Assumed CA/REER Elasticity ³	Corresponding REER Gap ³
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(C) - (D)	(F)	(G)
Argentina	19.8%	-0.6%	-0.8%	1.0%	-1.9%	0.12	15.8%
Australia	-34.0%	1.2%	-2.1%	-1.9%	-0.3%	0.18	1.5%
Belgium	58.4%	-3.5%	-1.7%	2.6%	-4.3%	0.72	5.9%
Brazil	-41.0%	-3.0%	-3.3%	-2.1%	-1.2%	0.13	9.0%
Canada	47.6%	-0.3%	-1.3%	2.3%	-3.6%	0.27	13.4%
China	12.3%	2.2%	2.2%	0.8%	1.3%	0.14	-9.6%
France	-31.1%	-2.1%	-1.5%	-1.5%	0.0%	0.28	-0.1%
Germany	95.0%	4.2%	5.3%	4.3%	1.0%	0.37	-2.7%
India	-13.4%	-2.0%	-0.9%	-1.2%	0.3%	0.19	-1.7%
Indonesia	-19.9%	1.0%	-1.5%	-1.6%	0.1%	0.16	-0.4%
Italy	6.8%	-1.2%	0.6%	0.3%	0.3%	0.27	-1.0%
Japan	87.0%	2.1%	3.2%	3.2%	0.0%	0.17	0.0%
Korea	44.8%	1.8%	4.2%	2.4%	1.8%	0.34	-5.3%
Malaysia	11.0%	3.1%	2.4%	0.8%	1.6%	0.50	-3.2%
Mexico	-39.8%	-1.3%	-0.4%	-2.0%	1.6%	0.34	-4.7%
Netherlands	90.4%	4.4%	5.5%	4.3%	1.2%	0.67	-1.7%
Poland	-41.8%	-3.0%	-1.8%	-2.6%	0.9%	0.43	-2.0%
Russia	29.8%	10.4%	6.7%	1.2%	5.5%	0.17	-32.3%
South Africa	13.9%	-0.5%	-1.4%	0.6%	-2.1%	0.25	8.3%
Spain	-63.0%	0.6%	1.4%	-3.1%	4.5%	0.31	-14.6%
Sweden	38.8%	4.3%	5.0%	2.1%	2.8%	0.37	-7.6%
Switzerland	97.7%	10.1%	10.6%	4.4%	6.2%	0.55	-11.2%
Thailand	-0.6%	-3.2%	-2.3%	0.0%	-2.2%	0.47	4.8%
Türkiye	-30.8%	-5.3%	-2.5%	-1.9%	-0.6%	0.29	2.2%
United Kingdom	-16.9%	-3.8%	-2.2%	-0.8%	-1.4%	0.28	5.0%
United States	-66.4%	-3.7%	-3.5%	-3.5%	0.1%	0.12	-0.7%

¹Based on the CGER "ES" methodology.

²Based on April 2023 WEO *Update*

³Assumed elasticity linking a change in the current account (as percent of GDP) to a change in the REER (in percent). Figures shown are those previously used in the CGER exercise, in most cases using a common elasticity assumption of -0.152 for exports and 0.645 for imports, adjusted by the size of exports and imports in GDP.