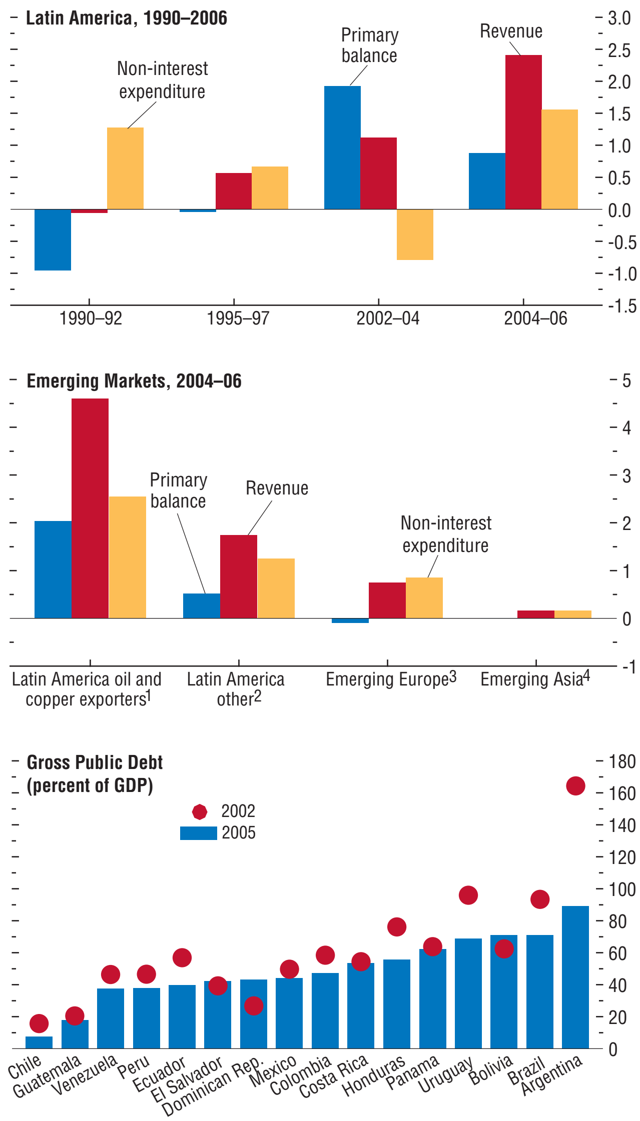
Figure 2.5. Latin America: Progress Toward Fiscal Sustainability

(Unweighted averages; change in percent of GDP)

Latin American countries have significantly improved primary balances in recent years, helped by strong revenue growth. However, primary spending has risen sharply over the past two years, after a period of restraint. Public-debt-to-GDP ratios have declined, but remain high for a number of countries.



Source: IMF staff calculations.
[1] Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, and Venezuela.
[2] Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay.
[3] Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, and Turkey.
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