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The term "Central Asian countries" in this issue of the *Survey* refers to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

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Country or area in the ESCAP region	Fiscal year	Currency and abbreviation	Rate of exchange for \$1 as at December 2006
Afghanistan	21 March to 20 March	afghani (Af)	50.10 ^a
American Samoa .....	..	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Armenia	1 January to 31 December	dram	363.50
Australia	1 July to 30 June	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.26
Azerbaijan	1 January to 31 December	Azeri manat (AZM)	0.87
Bangladesh	1 July to 30 June	taka (Tk)	69.07
Bhutan	1 July to 30 June	ngultrum (Nu)	44.25
Brunei Darussalam	1 January to 31 December	Brunei dollar (B\$)	1.53
Cambodia	1 January to 31 December	riel (CR)	4 099.00 ^b
China	1 January to 31 December	yuan renminbi (Y)	7.81
Cook Islands	1 April to 31 March	New Zealand dollar (\$NZ)	1.42
Democratic People's Republic of Korea .....	..	won (W)	140.95 ^c
Fiji	1 January to 31 December	Fiji dollar (F\$)	1.68 ^b
French Polynesia .....	..	French Pacific Community franc (FCFP)	94.48 ^d

<i>Country or area in the ESCAP region</i>	<i>Fiscal year</i>	<i>Currency and abbreviation</i>	<i>Rate of exchange for \$1 as at December 2006</i>
Georgia	1 January to 31 December	lari (L)	1.71
Guam	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Hong Kong, China	1 April to 31 March	Hong Kong dollar (HK\$)	7.77
India	1 April to 31 March	Indian rupee (Rs)	44.25
Indonesia	1 April to 31 March	Indonesian rupiah (Rp)	9 020.00
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21 March to 20 March	Iranian rial (RIs)	9 223.00
Japan	1 April to 31 March	yen (¥)	118.95
Kazakhstan	1 January to 31 December	tenge (T)	127.00
Kiribati	1 January to 31 December	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.26
Kyrgyzstan	1 January to 31 December	som (som)	38.12
Lao People's Democratic Republic ...	1 October to 30 September	new kip (NK)	10 187.00 ^e
Macao, China	1 July to 30 June	pataca (P)	8.01
Malaysia	1 January to 31 December	ringgit (M\$)	3.53
Maldives	1 January to 31 December	rufiyaa (Rf)	12.80
Marshall Islands	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Micronesia (Federated States of)	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Mongolia	1 January to 31 December	tugrik (Tug)	1 164.00 ^b
Myanmar	1 April to 31 March	kyat (K)	5.66
Nauru	1 July to 30 June	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.26
Nepal	16 July to 15 July	Nepalese rupee (NRs)	71.10
New Caledonia .....	..	French Pacific Community franc (FCFP)	94.48 ^d
New Zealand	1 April to 31 March	New Zealand dollar (\$NZ)	1.42
Niue	1 April to 31 March	New Zealand dollar (\$NZ)	1.42
Northern Mariana Islands	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Pakistan	1 July to 30 June	Pakistan rupee (PRs)	60.92
Palau	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Papua New Guinea	1 January to 31 December	kina (K)	3.03
Philippines	1 January to 31 December	Philippine peso (P)	49.13
Republic of Korea	1 January to 31 December	won (W)	929.60
Russian Federation	1 January to 31 December	ruble (R)	26.33
Samoa	1 July to 30 June	tala (WS\$)	2.69
Singapore	1 April to 31 March	Singapore dollar (S\$)	1.53
Solomon Islands	1 January to 31 December	Solomon Islands dollar (SI\$)	7.62 ^a
Sri Lanka	1 January to 31 December	Sri Lanka rupee (SL Rs)	107.71
Tajikistan	1 January to 31 December	somoni	3.43
Thailand	1 October to 30 September	baht (B)	36.05
Timor-Leste	1 July to 30 June	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Tonga	1 July to 30 June	pa'anga (T\$)	2.00 ^b
Turkey	1 January to 31 December	Turkish lira (LT)	1.41
Turkmenistan	1 January to 31 December	Turkmen manat (M)	5 200.00
Tuvalu	1 January to 31 December	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.26
Uzbekistan	1 January to 31 December	som (som)	1 235.00
Vanuatu	1 January to 31 December	vatu (VT)	106.48
Viet Nam	1 January to 31 December	dong (D)	15 983.00 ^f

Sources: United Nations, *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* website, <<http://esa.un.org/unsd/mbs/mbssearch.asp>>; International Monetary Fund, *International Financial Statistics* (CD-ROM) (Washington, D.C., IMF, February 2007); and Economist Intelligence Unit website, <<http://www.eiu.com>>.

^a September 2006.

^b November 2006.

^c October 2006.

^d July 2006.

^e June 2006.

^f Average 2006.

ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AFTA	ASEAN Free Trade Area
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
BTAs	bilateral trade agreements
BIS	Bank for International Settlements
c.i.f.	cost, insurance, freight
CD-ROM	compact disk read-only memory
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CPI	consumer price index
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECO	Economic Cooperation Organization
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FDI	foreign direct investment
f.o.b.	free on board
FTA	free trade agreement
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	gross domestic product
GNI	gross national income
GSP	Generalized System of Preferences
HIPC	heavily indebted poor countries
HIV/AIDS	human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ICT	information and communication technology

ABBREVIATIONS *(continued)*

ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMR	infant mortality rate
IT	information technology
M2	broad money supply
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MFA	Multifibre Arrangement
MMR	maternal mortality rate
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NGO	non-governmental organization
NPL	non-performing loan
ODA	official development assistance
OCR	official cash rate
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OPEC	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
PPP	purchasing power parity
R&D	research and development
RTA	regional trade agreement
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SAFTA	South Asian Free Trade Area
SME	small and medium-sized enterprise
TFR	total fertility rate
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund

ABBREVIATIONS *(continued)*

UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
VAT	value added tax
WEF	World Economic Forum
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

