

TABLE B-111.—*International reserves, selected years, 1952–97*

[Millions of SDRs; end of period]

Area and country	1952	1962	1972	1982	1992	1995	1996	1997	
								Oct	Nov
All countries	49,388	62,851	146,658	361,239	726,149	981,688	1,122,994	1,233,522	.....
Industrial countries ¹	39,280	53,502	113,362	214,025	424,229	514,117	575,014	605,986	.....
United States	24,714	17,220	12,112	29,918	52,995	59,467	53,694	50,346	50,327
Canada	1,944	2,561	5,572	3,439	8,662	10,243	14,310	15,877	13,783
Australia	920	1,168	5,656	6,053	8,429	8,279	10,384	12,129	12,217
Japan	1,101	2,021	16,916	22,001	52,937	124,125	151,511	164,893	167,691
New Zealand	183	251	767	577	2,239	2,967	4,140	3,137	.....
Austria	116	1,081	2,505	5,544	9,703	13,020	16,277	15,024	14,912
Belgium	1,133	1,753	3,564	4,757	10,914	11,601	12,326	12,838	12,762
Denmark	150	256	787	2,111	8,090	7,468	9,892	15,101	14,290
Finland	132	237	664	1,420	3,862	6,809	4,866	8,174	.....
France	686	4,049	9,224	17,850	22,522	20,930	21,500	24,348	25,045
Germany	960	6,958	21,908	43,909	69,489	60,517	61,176	59,341	59,977
Greece	94	287	950	916	3,606	10,064	12,292	8,029	9,148
Iceland	8	32	78	133	364	209	317	.....	.....
Ireland	318	359	1,038	2,390	2,514	5,818	5,719	5,435	5,523
Italy	722	4,068	5,605	15,108	22,438	25,815	34,287	41,669	42,194
Netherlands	953	1,943	4,407	10,723	17,492	23,897	19,832	20,144	19,997
Norway	164	304	1,220	6,273	8,725	15,190	18,482	22,566	23,048
Portugal	603	680	2,129	1,179	14,474	11,225	11,632	11,458	.....
Spain	134	1,045	4,618	7,450	33,640	23,746	40,831	49,976	50,986
Sweden	504	802	1,453	3,397	16,667	16,344	13,452	10,685	.....
Switzerland	1,667	2,919	6,961	16,930	27,100	27,411	29,642	28,259	28,767
United Kingdom	1,956	3,308	5,201	11,904	27,300	28,910	28,390	.....	.....
Developing countries: Total ²	9,648	9,349	33,295	147,213	301,920	467,571	547,980	627,537	.....
By area:									
Africa	1,786	2,110	3,962	7,737	12,868	17,461	21,107	30,282	.....
Asia ²	3,793	2,772	8,130	44,490	164,775	254,340	299,955	331,728	.....
Europe	269	381	2,680	5,359	15,354	57,380	61,907	75,369	.....
Middle East	1,183	1,805	9,436	64,039	44,149	50,768	56,152	67,727	.....
Western Hemisphere	2,616	2,282	9,089	25,563	64,774	87,623	108,859	122,430	.....
Memo:									
Oil-exporting countries	1,699	2,030	9,956	67,108	46,144	44,707	55,981	65,432	.....
Non-oil developing countries ²	7,949	7,319	23,339	80,105	255,776	422,865	491,999	562,105	.....

¹Includes data for Luxembourg.²Includes data for Taiwan Province of China.

Note.—International reserves is comprised of monetary authorities' holdings of gold (at SDR 35 per ounce), special drawing rights (SDRs), reserve positions in the International Monetary Fund, and foreign exchange.

U.S. dollars per SDR (end of period) are: 1952 and 1962—1.00000; 1972—1.08571; 1982—1.10311; 1992—1.37500; 1995—1.48649; 1996—1.43796; October 1997—1.38362; and November 1997—1.36184.

Source: International Monetary Fund, *International Financial Statistics*.