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On December 6th 2024, the Public Debt Coordination Committee (PDCC), which includes representatives from the Central Bank of Uruguay (BCU) and the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), held its quarterly meeting.

The following agenda items were discussed during the meeting:

- **Evaluation of the sovereign issuance in the Japanese market in December 2024.**

The Committee assessed the results of Uruguay's recent issuance in the Japanese market (Samurai bond). The total issued amount was USD 308 million equivalent, primarily in the 3-year and 20-year maturities. The annual interest coupon in Japanese Yen was 1.73% (weighted average).

The Committee highlighted that, for the first time, during the year 2024 the Government was able to access funding in international markets in four different currencies: nominal pesos and inflation-indexed units (May 2024), U.S. Dollars (September 2024), and Japanese Yen (December 2024). This diversification across markets and currencies enhanced the flexibility and options available for the country's financing strategy.

- **Issuance Calendar of Local Treasury Notes for the first half of 2025.**

The Committee acknowledged the continued development of domestic currency sources of Government financing, underpinned by progress on reducing inflation and inflation expectations.

The MEF reported that consultations were held with local investors to gather feedback as an input for designing the domestic issuance strategy for the first half of 2025. On January 7th, 2025, the new semi-annual auction calendar was published, outlining the Treasury Notes to be issued and settlement alternatives.

More generally, market participants have viewed very favourably the option to use Monetary Regulation Bills (LRM) of the Central Bank as eligible instruments to exchange for their purchase of Treasury Notes and Global Bonds during primary issuances in domestic and external markets, respectively. This mechanism provided greater financial flexibility for investors and boosted demand for sovereign securities.

This sovereign asset and liability management strategy, conducted through coordinated market operations between the Government and the BCU, has helped reduce currency and maturity mismatches in the balance sheets of both institutions.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for March 2025.