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GDB PRESIDENT AND TREASURY SECRETARY VISIT RATING AGENCIES AGAIN TO COMMUNICATE FISCAL STABILIZATION EFFORTS

San Juan, PR – As part of the efforts to communicate the development of this administration's efforts to stabilize the finances and save the credit of the Commonwealth, Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico President Javier D. Ferrer and Treasury Secretary Melba Acosta Febo traveled today to meet with S&P, Fitch and Moody's in New York.

The officers explained that during these meetings they will mainly present to the rating agencies the details of the recently approved Pension Reform and the progress made to close the FY 2013 budget gap.

"From the beginning, we said we would be in constant communication with the rating agencies to keep them apprised of the steps we're taking in order to face the complex fiscal issues that require action on our part to stabilize Puerto Rico's finances. These meetings, which are customary, are part of this effort," Ferrer stated.

Meanwhile, Melba Acosta pointed out that the measures implemented by the present administration have already reduced the budget gap for this fiscal year to \$445 million from \$965 million, with respect to revenues, and the necessary measures have been taken to reduce expenditures from \$140 million to around \$50 million; both items are included in the \$2,157 million deficit. We hope that the recently approved tax amnesty will help us to continue reducing this gap. She also mentioned that the fiscal team and the Legislative Assembly are working swiftly assessing next year's budget, which includes revenue enhancement and expense reduction measures, as well as new mechanisms to improve collections and reduce tax evasion.

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