

Special event of the Second
Committee of the General Assembly

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10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

SOVEREIGN DEBT RESTRUCTURINGS:

Lessons learned from legislative
steps taken by certain countries
and other appropriate action to
reduce the vulnerability of
sovereigns to holdout creditors

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CONFERENCE ROOM 2, Conference Building, United Nations Headquarters, New York

10.00–10.10 a.m. *Opening remarks*

Chair: Mr. Ignacio Diaz, Vice-Chair, Second Committee of the General Assembly

10.10–11.15 a.m. *Challenges posed by holdout creditors: Systemic and sovereign risks*

Mr. Martin Guzman, Research Fellow Columbia University Business School and Senior Fellow,
Centre for International Governance Innovation

Mr. Mark Flanagan, Head, Debt Policy Division, Strategy Policy and Review Department,
International Monetary Fund

Ms. Jane Brauer, Senior Director, Global Emerging Markets, Merrill Lynch

Monsignor Tomasz Grysa, First Counsellor, Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the
United Nations

11.15–11.35 a.m. *Questions and discussion*

**11.35 a.m. –
12.30 p.m. *National and international measures: Lessons learned***

Ms. Ludivine Halbrech, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations

Mr. Renaud Vivien, Legal Expert, Committee for the Abolition of Illegitimated Debt (via videolink)

Ms. Yuefen Li, Special Advisor, Economics and Development Finance, South Centre

Ms. Stephanie Blankenburg, Head, Debt and Development Finance Branch, Division on Globalization
and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

12.30–12.50 p.m. *Questions and discussion*

12.50–1.00 p.m. *Concluding Remarks*

Mr. Ignacio Diaz, Vice-Chair, Second Committee of the General Assembly

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