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Special Event of the Second Committee of the General Assembly

Sovereign Debt Crises and Restructurings: Lessons Learnt and Proposals for Debt Resolution Mechanisms

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Time and date: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Thursday, 25 October 2012
Venue: United Nations Headquarters, 1st Avenue between 42nd
and 48th Street, New York
Conference room: ECOSOC Chamber

Preliminary Programme

10 a.m. – 10.20 a.m.	Opening remarks <i>H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić</i> , President of the 67 th session of the General Assembly <i>Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi</i> , Secretary-General of UNCTAD
10.20 a.m. – 10.40 a.m.	Keynote speech <i>Professor Kenneth Rogoff</i> , Harvard University, United States of America <i>Moderator: Ms. Yuefen Li</i> , Head, Debt and Development Finance Branch, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD
10.40 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Are there missing links in the international financial architecture for debt restructuring? <i>H.E. Mr. Arvinn Eikeland Gadgil</i> , State Secretary for International Development, Norway <i>H.E. Ms. Maria Kiwanuka</i> , Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda
11 a.m. – 11.25 a.m.	Interactive debate - questions and answers
11.25 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.	Lessons from past debt crises <i>H.E. Mr. Adrián Cosentino</i> , Secretary of Finance, Argentina <i>Mr. Otaviano Canuto</i> , Vice-President, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network, World Bank

11.45 a.m. – 12.25 p.m.	Features of a possible debt resolution mechanism <i>Ms. Shamshad Akhtar</i> , Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations <i>Mr. Martin Khor</i> , Executive Director, South Centre (TBC)
12.25 p.m. – 12.50 p.m.	Interactive debate - questions and answers
12.50 p.m. – 1 p.m.	Concluding Remarks <i>H.E. Mr. George Wilfred Talbot</i> , Chairman of the Second Committee of the 67 th session of the General Assembly (TBC)

Experts invited:

Reza Baqir	Deputy Chief in charge, Debt Policy Division, IMF
Otaviano Canuto	Vice-President, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank
Enrique Cosio-Pascal	Senior consultant on public debt and public finance
Gina Ekholt	Coordinator for The Norwegian Coalition for Debt Cancellation, Norway
Anna Gelpern	Professor of Law, American University, Washington D.C.
Lorenzo Giorgianni	Deputy Director Strategy, Policy, and Review Department, IMF
Sudarshan Gooptu	Sector Manager, Economic Policy and Debt Department, World Bank
Gail Hurley	Policy Specialist, Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme
Martin Landais	Deputy Secretary-General, Paris Club
Eric LeCompte	Executive Director, Jubilee USA Network
Collins Magalasi	Executive Director, African Forum and Network on Debt and Development
Huang Meibo	Professor of Economics, Xiamen University, China
Arturo Porzecanski	Professor of Economics, American University, Washington D.C.
Benu Schneider	Chief of Unit, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
Hung Tran	Deputy Managing Director, Institute of International Finance, Washington D.C.
Michael Waibel	Law Professor, University of Cambridge
John Williamson	Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington D.C.
Jeromin Zettelmeyer	Deputy Chief Economist and Director of Research, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, London