

**Sixty-ninth session**

Agenda item 17

Macroeconomic policy questions**Report of the Second Committee****Rapporteur:* Mr. Borg Tsien **Tham** (Singapore)

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2014, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-ninth session the item entitled:

“Macroeconomic policy questions:

“(a) International trade and development;

“(b) International financial system and development;

“(c) External debt sustainability and development”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 7th, 16th, 17th and 18th meetings, on 13, 21 and 22 October 2014. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records ([A/C.2/69/SR.7](#) and 16-18). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 7 to 9 October (see [A/C.2/69/SR.2-6](#)). An account of the Committee’s further consideration of the item is given in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Item 17 (a)**International trade and development**

Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-eighth executive session, Geneva, 12 and 13 December 2013 ([A/69/15](#) (Part I))

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in four parts, under the symbol [A/69/466](#) and Add.1-3.



Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-eighth special session, Geneva, 17 June 2014 ([A/69/15](#) (Part II))

Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-ninth executive session, Geneva, 23-25 June 2014 ([A/69/15](#) (Part III))

Report of the Trade and Development Board on its sixty-first session, Geneva, 15-26 September 2014 ([A/69/15](#) (Part IV))

Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development ([A/69/179](#))

Letter dated 17 September 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the ministerial meeting on new partnerships for productive capacity-building in least developed countries, held in Cotonou, Benin, from 28 to 31 July 2014 ([A/69/392](#))

Letter dated 8 October 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted by ministers of the least developed countries at their annual meeting, held in New York on 26 September 2014 ([A/C.2/69/2](#))

Item 17 (b)

International financial system and development

Report of the Secretary-General on the international financial system and development ([A/69/188](#))

Letter dated 17 September 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the ministerial meeting on new partnerships for productive capacity-building in least developed countries, held in Cotonou, Benin, from 28 to 31 July 2014 ([A/69/392](#))

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Letter dated 8 October 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/C.2/69/3](#))

Item 17 (c)

External debt sustainability and development

Report of the Secretary-General on external debt sustainability and development ([A/69/167](#))

Letter dated 17 September 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the ministerial meeting on new partnerships for productive capacity-building in least developed countries, held in Cotonou, Benin, from 28 to 31 July 2014 ([A/69/392](#))

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4. At the 7th meeting, on 13 October, an introductory statement was made by the Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (under item 17 (c)) (see [A/C.2/69/SR.7](#)).

5. At the 16th meeting, on 21 October, an introductory statement was made by the Director of the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item 17 (b)) (see [A/C.2/69/SR.16](#)).

6. At the 18th meeting, on 22 October, introductory statements were made by the President of the Trade and Development Board and the representative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (under sub-item 17 (a)) (see [A/C.2/69/SR.18](#)).
