

**Sixty-eighth session**

Agenda item 17

Macroeconomic policy questions**Report of the Second Committee****Rapporteur:* Ms. Juliet **Hay** (New Zealand)

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled:

“Macroeconomic policy questions:

“(a) International trade and development;

“(b) International financial system and development;

“(c) External debt sustainability and development;

“(d) Commodities”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 10th, 11th, 20th and 21st meetings, on 16 and 24 October 2013. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records ([A/C.2/68/SR.10](#), 11, 20 and 21). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 7th meetings, from 9 to 11 October (see [A/C.2/68/SR.3-7](#)). 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:

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in five parts, under the symbol [A/68/436](#) and Add.1-4.



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Letter dated 30 September 2013 from the representative of Benin and Chair of the Global Coordination Bureau of the Least Developed Countries to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the annual ministerial meeting of the least developed countries, held in New York on 27 September 2013 ([A/C.2/68/3](#))

Letter dated 10 October 2013 from the representative of Costa Rica to the Secretary-General ([A/C.2/68/5](#))

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

Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-sixth executive session, Geneva, 3-4 December 2012 ([A/68/15](#) (Part I) and Corr.1 and Add.1)

Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-seventh special session, Geneva, 22 March 2013 ([A/68/15](#) (Part II) and Corr.1)

Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-seventh executive session, Geneva, 26-28 June 2013 ([A/68/15](#) (Part III))

Report of the Trade and Development Board on its sixtieth session, Geneva, 16-27 September 2013 ([A/68/15](#) (Part IV))

Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development ([A/68/205](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries ([A/68/218](#))

Item 17 (b)**International financial system and development**

Report of the Secretary-General on the international financial system and development ([A/68/221](#))

Item 17 (c)**External debt sustainability and development**

Report of the Secretary-General on external debt sustainability and development ([A/68/203](#))

Item 17 (d)**Commodities**

Report of the Secretary-General on world commodity trends and prospects ([A/68/204](#))

Letter dated 4 November 2013 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/C.2/68/10](#))

4. At the 10th meeting, on 16 October, an introductory statement was made by the Director of the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under item 17 (b)) (see [A/C.2/68/SR.10](#)).

5. At the 20th meeting, on 24 October, introductory statements were made by the President of the Trade and Development Board (under sub-item (a)); the Director of the Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (under sub-items (a) and (d)); a representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item (a)); and a representative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (under sub-item (c)) (see [A/C.2/68/SR.20](#)).
