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### Macroeconomic policy questions

#### Report of the Second Committee\*

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled:

“Macroeconomic policy questions:

“(a) Trade and development;

“(b) International financial system and development;

“(c) Science and technology for development;

“(d) External debt crisis and development;”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 8th to 12th, 31st, 33rd, 34th, 36th, 37th, 39th and 40th meetings, on 3, 5, 11 and 12 October, 26, 28 and 29 November and 4, 7, 11 and 12 December 2001. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/56/SR.8-12, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 39 and 40). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, from 1 to 3 October (see A/C.2/56/SR.3-8). An account of the Committee’s further consideration of the item will be given in the addenda to the present report, as follows:

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\* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in six parts, under the symbol A/56/558 and Add.1-4.



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

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Letter dated 24 July 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué and the Genoa Plan for Africa adopted at the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Group of Eight, held at Genoa, Italy, from 20 to 22 July 2001 (A/56/222-S/2001/736)

Letter dated 19 July 2001 from the Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/306)

Letter dated 21 November 2001 from the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 at their twenty-fifth annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 16 November 2001 (A/56/647)

Letter dated 26 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the statement of the Emir of Qatar at the opening of the thirtieth ordinary session of the Al-Shourah Council of Qatar, held in Doha, on 19 November 2001 (A/56/649-S/2001/1111)

**(a) Trade and development**

Reports of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh executive sessions (A/56/15 (Parts I and II)) and on its forty-eighth session (A/56/15 (Part III))<sup>1</sup>

Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development (A/56/376)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken to initiate the preparatory process for the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (A/56/435)

Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (A/56/473)

<sup>1</sup> The reports, circulated individually as documents A/56/15 (Parts I-III), will be issued in final form as *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/56/15).

Note by the Secretary-General on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries (A/56/427)

Letter dated 16 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/634-S/2001/1087)

Letter dated 19 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué adopted at the second annual ministerial meeting of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries, held in New York on 14 November 2001 (A/C.2/56/4)

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

Report of the Secretary-General on the international financial architecture and development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (A/56/173)

Report of the Secretary-General transmitting a note by the United Nations Development Programme on financial stability and market efficiency: a global public goods perspective (A/56/173/Add.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on information on work undertaken by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in support of the promotion of long-term private financial flows, especially foreign direct investment (A/56/173/Add.2)

**(c) Science and technology for development**

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (A/56/3)<sup>2</sup>

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the coordinating role of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in support of efforts by developing countries to benefit from science and technology (A/56/96-E/2001/87)

Letter dated 19 July 2001 from the Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to the Secretary-General (A/56/306)

**(d) External debt crisis and development**

Report of the Secretary-General on the external debt and debt-servicing problems of developing countries, including those resulting from global financial instability (A/56/262)

4. At the 8th meeting, on 3 October, the Officer-in-Charge of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development New York Liaison Office made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/56/SR.8).

5. At the 10th meeting, on 11 October, introductory statements were made by the Director, Development Policy Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and a representative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (see A/C.2/56/SR.10).

<sup>2</sup> To be issued as *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/56/3).

6. At the 13th meeting, on 22 October, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development addressed the Committee (see A/C.2/56/SR.13).

7. At the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 26 November, the President of the forty-eighth session of the Trade and Development Board and Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations in Geneva made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/56/SR.31).

8. At the same meeting, the Special Coordinator for Africa, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the Officer-in-Charge United Nations Conference on Trade and Development New York Liaison Office, made introductory statements (see A/C.2/56/SR.31).

9. Also at the same meeting, the Senior Officer, Division for Public Economics and Public Administration, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/56/SR.31).

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