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Explanatory Notes

The following symbols have been used in the tables throughout the report:

- .. **Two dots** indicate that data are not available or are not separately reported.
- **A dash** indicates that the amount is nil or negligible.
- **A hyphen** indicates that the item is not applicable.
- **A minus sign** indicates deficit or decrease, except as indicated.
- . **A full stop** is used to indicate decimals.
- / **A slash** between years indicates a crop year or financial year, for example, 2010/11.
- **Use of a hyphen** between years, for example, 2010-2011, signifies the full period involved, including the beginning and end years.

Reference to “dollars” (\$) indicates United States dollars, unless otherwise stated.

Reference to “billions” indicates one thousand million.

Reference to “tons” indicates metric tons, unless otherwise stated.

Annual rates of growth or change, unless otherwise stated, refer to annual compound rates.

Details and percentages in tables do not necessarily add to totals, because of rounding.

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The following abbreviations have been used:

AfDB	African Development Bank	IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
APT	ASEAN plus Three	IDA	International Development Association
ADB	Asian Development Bank	IEA	International Energy Agency
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations	IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
BIS	Bank for International Settlements	ILO	International Labour Organization
BRICS	Brazil, the Russian Federation, India, China and South Africa	IMF	International Monetary Fund
CDB	Caribbean Development Bank	LDCs	least developed countries
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States	LLDCs	landlocked developing countries
CPB	Central Planning Bureau of the Netherlands	MAP	Mutual Assessment Process
CPI	consumer price index	mbd	millions of barrels per day
DAC	Development Assistance Committee (of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development)	MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
DCF	Development Cooperation Forum (of the United Nations)	MDRI	Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative
DSA	Debt sustainability analysis (of the International Monetary Fund)	MFN	most favoured nation
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	NTMs	non-tariff measures
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa	ODA	official development assistance
ECB	European Central Bank	OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe	OPEC	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America	pb	per barrel
EFSF	European Financial Stability Facility	PLL	Precautionary and Liquidity Line
EFSM	European Financial Stabilisation Mechanism	PPP	purchasing power parity
ESM	European Stability Mechanism	RTAs	regional and bilateral trade agreements
EU	European Union	SDRs	Special Drawing Rights
EURIBOR	Euro Interbank Offered Rate	SGP	Stability and Growth Pact
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	SIDS	small island developing States
FDI	foreign direct investment	SIFIs	systemically important financial institutions
Fed	United States Federal Reserve	TEUs	twenty-foot equivalent units
FSB	Financial Stability Board	UN/DESA	Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade	UN Comtrade	United Nations Commodity Trade Statistics Database (of the United Nations)
G8	Group of Eight	UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
G20	Group of Twenty	UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council	UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
GDP	gross domestic product	UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
GHG	greenhouse gas	UNWTO	World Tourism Organization
GNI	gross national income	WEFM	World Economic Forecasting Model (of the United Nations)
G-SIFIs	globally systemically important financial institutions	WEVUM	World Economic Vulnerability Monitor (of the United Nations)
HICP	Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices	WFP	World Food Programme
HIPC	heavily indebted poor countries	WGP	world gross product
IaDB	Inter-American Development Bank	WTO	World Trade Organization