Economic and Social Council

Special meeting on “External debt sustainability and development: Lessons learned from debt crises and ongoing work on sovereign debt restructuring and debt resolution mechanisms”

10:00 to 13:00  8th meeting [webcast]
Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

1. Opening of the meeting
   Opening remarks by the President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia)
   Statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi
   Statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Ms. Shamshad Akhtar

2. Panel discussion
   Presentations on “Lessons learned from the history of debt crises”
   Mr. Jeffrey Lewis, Senior Adviser and Head of the International Policy and Partnerships Group, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network, World Bank
   Mr. Christoph Paulus, Professor, Humboldt University, Berlin
   Presentations on “Ongoing work on sovereign debt restructuring and debt resolution mechanisms”
   Ms. Yuefen Li, Head, Debt and Development Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
   Ms. Benu Schneider, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Interactive discussion

15:00 to 18:00  9th meeting [webcast]
Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

1. Keynote address on “Gaps in legal and institutional structures for debt restructuring” by the Professor Joseph Stiglitz, University Professor, Columbia University, and recipient of the 2001 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences

2. Panel discussion on “The architecture for debt restructuring”
   Presentations by:
   Mr. Sergio Chodos, Executive Director, International Monetary Fund
   Mr. Hans Humes, Chair and Chief Executive Director, Greylock Capital Management, LLC
   Ms. Deborah Zandstra, Partner, Sovereign Debt Restructuring Group, Clifford Chance, London
   Mr. Lee Buchheit, Partner, Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton LLP, New York
   Mr. James Haley, Executive Director, Inter-American Development Bank

Interactive discussion
3. Concluding remarks by the President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia)

[For further information relating to the special meeting, please click here.]