

**Special Event of the Second  
Committee of the General Assembly**

**25**

**OCTOBER 2012  
10.00 – 13.00**

# **SOVEREIGN DEBT CRISES AND RESTRUCTURINGS:**

## **Lessons Learnt and Proposals for Debt Resolution Mechanisms**

(Prepared by the UNCTAD Secretariat)

**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
United Nations Headquarters, New York**



**The objective of this special General Assembly event is to explore the desirability and possible institutional set-up of a structured mechanism for the resolution of sovereign debt crises**

**10.00–10.20**

***Opening remarks***

H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić, President of the 67th session of the General Assembly  
Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

**10.20–10.40**

***Keynote speech***

Professor Kenneth Rogoff, Harvard University, United States of America

**Chairman:**

H.E. Mr. George Wilfred Talbot, Chairman of the Second Committee of the 67th session of the General Assembly

**10.40–11.00**

**Are there missing links in the international financial architecture for debt restructuring?**

H.E. Mr. Arvinn Eikeland Gadgil, State Secretary for International Development, Norway

H.E. Ms. Maria Kiwanuka, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda

**11.00–11.25**

**Interactive debate - questions and answers**

**11.25–11.45**

**Lessons from past debt crises**

H.E. Mr. Adrián Cosentino, Secretary of Finance, Argentina

Mr. Otaviano Canuto, Vice-President, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network, World Bank

**11.45–12.25**

**Features of a possible debt resolution mechanism**

Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

Mr. Martin Khor, Executive Director, South Centre (TBC)

**12.25–12.50**

**Interactive debate - questions and answers**

**12.50–13.00**

**Concluding:**

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