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Sovereign Debt Crises and Restructurings: Lessons Learnt and Proposals for Debt Resolution Mechanisms

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Time and date: 10:00- 13:00, Thursday, 25 October 2012
Venue: The United Nations Headquarters, 1st Avenue between 42nd and 48th Street, New York
Conference room: The ECOSOC Chamber

Preliminary Programme

10:00- 10:10	Opening remarks Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi , Secretary-General of UNCTAD
10:10-10:30	Keynote speech Prof. Kenneth Rogoff , Harvard University
10:30-10:50	Are there missing links in the international financial architecture for debt restructuring? H.E. Mr. Arvinn Eikeland Gadgil , State Secretary, Norway H.E. Ms. Maria Kiwanuka , Minister of Finance Planning and Economic Development, Uganda
10:50-11:20	Interactive debate (Q&A)
11:20-11:40	Lessons from past debt crises H.E. Hernán Lorenzino , Minister of Economy and Public Finance , Argentina Dr. Otaviano Canuto ,Vice President, PREM, The World Bank
11:40-12:20	Features of a Possible Debt Resolution Mechanism

<p><i>Ms. Shamshad Akhtar</i>, Assistant Secretary-General, DESA (TBC)</p> <p><i>H.E. Ms. Gudrun Kopp</i>, Parliamentary State Secretary, Germany (TBC)</p> <p><i>H.E. Mr. Sergey Storchak</i>, Deputy Finance Minister, Russia (TBC)</p> <p><i>H.E. Mr. Ahmad Husni Bin Mohamad Hanadzlah</i>, Minister of Finance II, Malaysia (TBC)</p>	
12:20-12:45	Interactive debate (Q&A)
12:45-13:00	Concluding Remarks (TBC)

Experts invited:

Reza Baqir	Deputy Chief in charge, IMF
Otaviano Canuto	Vice President, PREM, The World Bank
Enrique Cosio-Pascal	Senior Consultant, Public Debt and Public Finance
Gina Ekholt	Coordinator for The Norwegian Coalition for Debt Cancellation (SLUG)
Anna Gelpern	Professor of Law, American University
Lorenzo Giorgianni	Deputy Director Strategy, Policy, and Review Department, IMF
Sudarshan Gooptu	Sector Manager, Economic Policy and Debt Department The World Bank
Collins Magalasi	Executive Director, African Forum and Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD)
Huang Meibo	Professor of Economics, Xiamen University, China
Martin Landais	Deputy Secretary-General, the Paris Club
Eric LeCompte	Executive Director, Jubilee USA Network
Daglig Leder	Slett U-landsgjelda (SLUG), Norway
Arturo Porzecanski	Professor, American University
Hung Tran	Deputy Managing Director , Institute of International Finance, IIF
Michael Waibel	Law Professor, University of Cambridge
John Williamson	Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics, IIE
Jeromin Zettelmeyer	Deputy Chief Economist and Director of Research, EBRD
Benu Schneider	Chief of Unit, UN DESA (TBC)
Amar Bhattacharya	Director, G24 (TBC)