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The following conventions are used in this paper:

- ... to indicate that data are not available or not applicable;
- to indicate that the figure is zero or less than half the final digit shown;
- between years or months (for example, 2004–05 or January–June) to indicate the years or months covered, including the beginning and ending years or months;
- / between years or months (for example, 2004/05) to indicate a fiscal or financial year.
- "Billion" means a thousand million; "trillion" means a thousand billion.
- "Basis points" refer to hundredths of 1 percentage point (for example, 25 basis points are equivalent to ¼ of 1 percentage point).

Minor discrepancies between constituent figures and totals are due to rounding.

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As used in this report, the term "country" does not in all cases refer to a territorial entity that is a state as understood by international law and practice. As used here, the term also covers some territorial entities that are not states but for which statistical data are maintained on a separate and independent basis.