## THE ROLE OF THE IMF

|                              |  | <b>DISCIPLINE MULTIPLIER</b> |  | CATALYTIC ROLE                  |  |   |
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|                              |  |                              |  |                                 |  |   |
|                              | IMF functions  | (<br>Surveillance            | Discipline multiplier  | Monitor                         | Lender   | PRIVATE SECTOR<br>INVOLVEMENT   |
| Debt sustainability analysis | Country classification *   | (Article IV)                 | (Program design)   | (Program<br>monitoring)         | (IMF lending)<br>International liquidity provider  |   |
|                              | Low intolerance to<br>external debt<br>- < 35 % of GNP for<br>serial defaulters<br>- < 60% of GNP for all<br>countries | Macroeconomic<br>assessment  | <ul> <li>Domestic adjustment<br/>measures</li> <li>Policy commitments</li> <li>Conditionality</li> </ul> | Verifying Program<br>Compliance | <ul> <li>CRISIS PREVENTION **</li> <li>Precautionary arrangements (SBA)</li> <li>Coinsurance arrangements ?</li> <li>Non borrowing programs ?</li> <li>CRISIS RESOLUTION<br/>WITHOUT DEBT<br/>RESTRUCTURING</li> <li>Normal access limits (SBA)</li> <li>Exceptional circumstances clause (SBA)</li> <li>Exceptional access (SRF)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Voluntary PSI</li> <li>Concerted PSI<br/>without a reduction in<br/>net present value of<br/>claims (roll over)</li> </ul> |
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\* based on Reinhart, Rogoff, Savastano, 2003, Debt Intolerance, NBER working paper 9908.

\*\* 1/ Precautionary arrangements : country authorities declare that they do not intend to draw on resources made available (this declaration however is not binding). 2/ Coinsurance arrangements : an insurance policy under which the insurer and the insured share costs incurred after the deductible is met, according to a specific formula. More generally, a sharing of risk between the insurer and the insured (also called copay). 3/ Non Borrowing Programs : a program without IMF funding, but assessed by the Fund frequently with economic and fiscal objectives developed by the country.