Goods sent abroad for processing

The AEG's views were divided. Good arguments on both conceptual and practical grounds were presented for both the gross treatment as goods and the net treatment as services. This issue is of increasing importance due to the growth in outsourcing.

The IMF agreed to prepare a paper covering all aspects of the issue, with pros and cons for both treatments in BOP and SNA. This will form the basis of a written consultation of BOPCOM and AEG members before a final decision is taken.