ARVIND SUBRAMANIAN APPOINTED CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO INDIAN GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON—The Peterson Institute for International Economics is proud to announce that Arvind Subramanian has been appointed Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) to the Government of India. Subramanian, the Institute’s Dennis Weatherstone Senior Fellow and the prolific author of many books, scholarly papers, and op-ed columns about Indian economic policy, international trade, and long-run growth will take a leave of absence from PIIE while serving in the Finance Ministry of the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who took office in May of this year.

“Arvind’s work and now his appointment as India’s CEA exemplify what we at the Peterson Institute seek to achieve: contributing relevant, credible, and brave analytically-based policy proposals to meet the economic challenges top policy-makers face,” said Adam S. Posen, president of the Peterson Institute. “Since joining the Institute in 2007, Arvind has been one of the most innovative and independent thinkers about trade and growth in the world, and has been the leading constructive critic of Indian economic policy. His press commentary and congressional testimony have increased understanding in the US of and for the gap between India’s economic potential and performance. We will miss Arvind’s ever-stimulating presence greatly during his leave, but are truly delighted that he will contribute to the success of India and globalization with his public service.”

As CEA, Subramanian will have multiple tasks, including analyzing and advising on macro-economic and other policies, and preparing the annual Economic Survey, which evaluates the state of India’s economy. He recently testified before the US Congress, US Trade Representative, and US International Trade Commission on US-India economic relations and India’s trade and economic policies. Currently he is completing a book with C. Fred Bergsten which PIIE plans to publish next year on deepening India-US economic cooperation. Subramanian is also a columnist for the Indian daily, The Business Standard, and a frequent contributor to the Financial Times.

“While I will miss tremendously my amazing colleagues and the intellectually stimulating atmosphere of the Institute, I am honored and privileged to have been offered this opportunity to serve India and the new government with its mandate for transforming India and realizing its limitless potential,” said Subramanian.
Prior to his joint appointment as senior fellow at PIIE and the Center for Global Development in 2007, Subramanian was assistant director in the Research Department of the International Monetary Fund. He served at the GATT (1988–92) during the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations and has taught at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government (1999–2000) and at Johns Hopkins’ School for Advanced International Studies (2008–10; and 2014).

Subramanian's wide-ranging academic and policy research covers India, China, economic growth and development, trade, climate change, and the World Trade Organization. He is currently ranked among the top 1 percent of economists worldwide in terms of research citations. In addition, he is the author of India’s Turn: Understanding the Economic Transformation (Oxford University Press, 2008), and coauthor of Who Needs to Open the Capital Account? (PIIE, 2012). His Institute book Eclipse: Living in the Shadow of China’s Economic Dominance was published in September 2011 and named a Best Book of 2012 by China Business News. Foreign Policy magazine named him one of the world’s top 100 global thinkers in 2011.

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