

# I. World trade developments

World merchandise exports grew by 2 per cent in value terms in 2013 while exports of commercial services increased by 6 per cent.

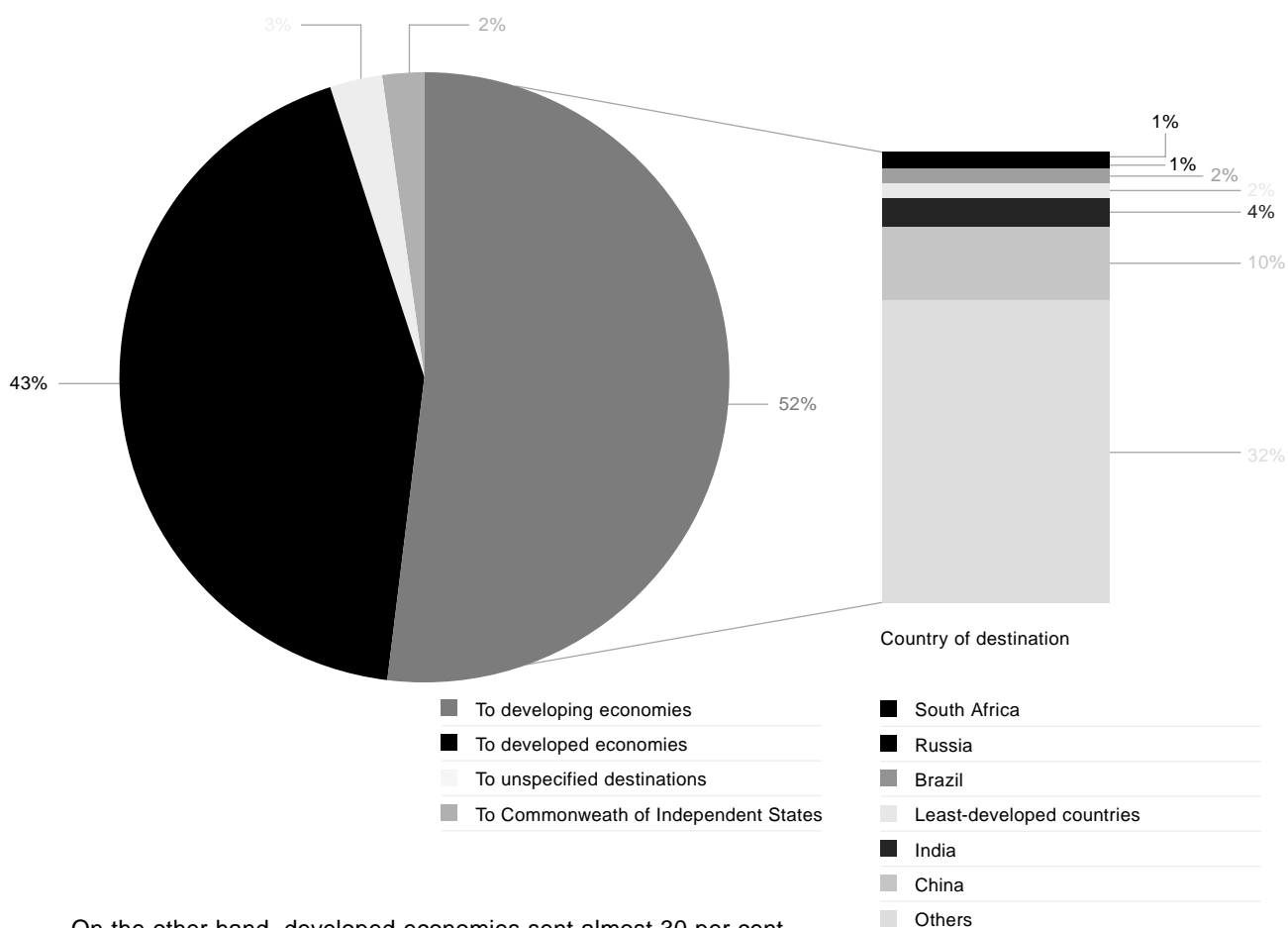
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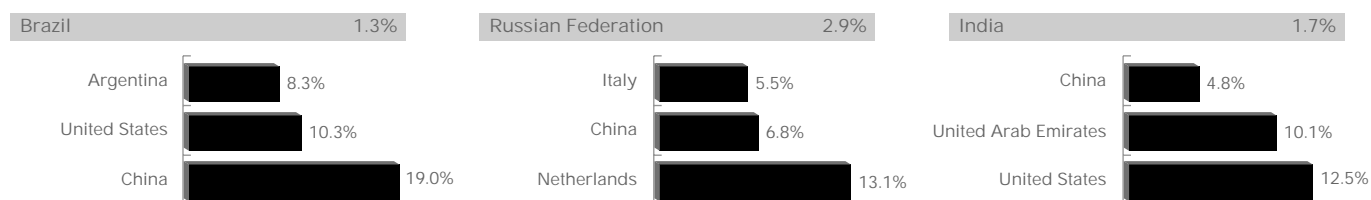
# Over half of merchandise exports from developing economies are sent to other developing economies

## Merchandise exports from developing countries, 2013



On the other hand, developed economies sent almost 30 per cent of their total exports to developing economies.

## Merchandise trade by the BRICS (percentage share in world trade and main export partners, 2013)



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Table I.2

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## World exports of commercial services achieve strong recovery

- t World exports of commercial services totalled US\$ 4,645 billion in 2013. Growth of nearly 6 per cent was largely the result of a recovery in European trade.
- t Europe's exports of commercial services grew by 7 per cent in 2013. In North America, exports expanded by 5 per cent. Asia's exports grew by 5 per cent, a slightly lower rate than in 2012. In Central and South America, exports grew by only 2 per cent, hampered by Brazil's declining exports. In the Middle East, exports rose by 4 per cent, compared with almost 9 per cent the previous year.
- t The Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) recorded the highest growth in exports of commercial services in 2013 (9 per cent), repeating the growth achieved in 2012. In contrast, Africa's exports of commercial services contracted by 3 per cent, partly due to a decline in

6%

Growth in exports  
of commercial  
services in 2013



# Europe sees recovery in commercial services while Asia slows down

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t Exports of commercial services from leading European traders bounced back in 2013 after declining significantly in 2012. One of the highest growth rates was achieved by the Netherlands (12 per cent) followed by France (10 per cent) and Germany (8 per cent). The United Kingdom saw more modest growth of 2 per cent.



## LDC exports of commercial

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