

# The Role of Developing Countries in the Modern International Trade

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## Abstract

The authors analyze the position of different countries in international trade relations and prove that the role of developing countries is growing.

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The main factor affecting the modern global economy is globalization. The globalization process is characterized by the contradictory effects on the national economies.

A few years ago the main trade flows were concentrated within developed countries. Those countries provided goods, especially knowledge-intensive ones, all over the world. Now we can observe the changes in the global economic environment. Developing countries play a more important role. In these countries, GDP and foreign trade are growing more rapidly than in developed countries [1].

Really, most of the intellectual and technical potential of humanity is concentrated in developed countries. But the role of developing countries in the global economy, the newly industrialized countries in particular, is gradually increasing (Table 1).

TABLE 1 World production volume (real GDP), annual change in %

Index	Mean Value						
	1997-2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2016	2020
World	4,0	5,7	3,1	0,0	5,4	3,8	4,0
Countries with developed economies	2,8	2,8	0,2	-3,4	3,1	2,4	1,9
Developing countries	5,5	8,7	5,8	3,1	7,4	4,7	5,3

So, innovative development and global competitive advantage of the developing countries will lead to an increase in their share in the gross world product [2].

In the future, countries like China, India, Brazil, South Korea and other developing countries will provide most of the world's gross domestic product. They will

become a new pole of the global economy. The economies of Mexico, Indonesia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore, and the Philippines are dynamically developing along with the economies of India and China.

Foreign trade is quite rapidly increasing in these countries, its share of intermediate products has amounted to 50-60%, while the import component of exported goods has increased from 20% in the 1970s to 40% presently [3].

The volume of foreign trade in the developing countries is growing more rapidly than in developed countries (Table 2) [4, 5].

TABLE 2 The volume of world trade (percentage change)

Index	2013	2014	2015	2016
Import of the countries with developed economies	2,1	3,3	3,3	4,3
Import of the developing countries and countries with emerging markets	5,5	3,7	3,5	5,5
Export of the countries with developed economies	3,1	3,3	3,2	4,1
Export of the developing countries and countries with emerging markets	4,6	3,4	5,3	5,7

In other words, while a few years ago the developed countries had leading positions in international trade, at present, the role of developing countries is gradually increasing. China, India, Brazil in particular could be distinguished in this aspect. In addition, these countries are now not only target markets, but also the world's largest exporters.

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