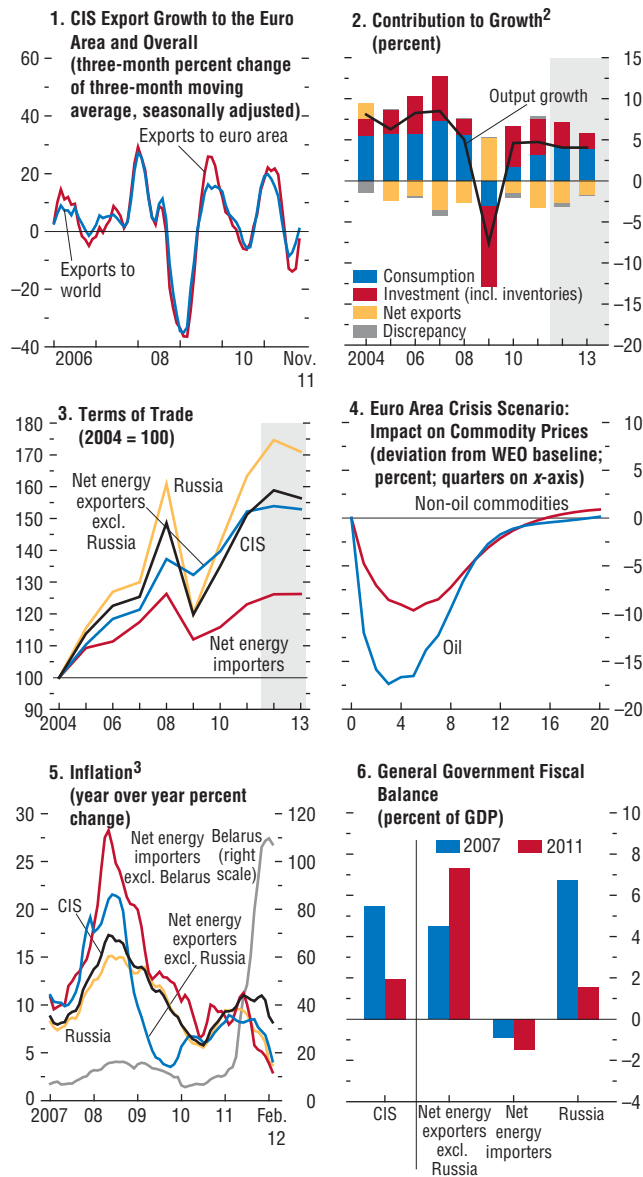


Figure 2.13. Commonwealth of Independent States: Buoyed by Commodity Prices, Buffeted by Euro Area Headwinds¹

Weaker external demand, especially from Europe, has been a drag on growth in the CIS. The region has benefited from still-high commodity prices, but an escalation of the euro area crisis would cause a big terms-of-trade shock for the region. Inflation has eased, but fiscal room has not yet been rebuilt to precrisis levels.



Sources: Haver Analytics; IMF, *Direction of Trade Statistics*; and IMF staff estimates.

¹Net energy exporters: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Russia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

Net energy importers: Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Ukraine.

²Azerbaijan, Georgia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan are excluded due to data limitations.

³Due to data limitations, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan are excluded from the group of net energy exporters excluding Russia; Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, and Tajikistan are excluded from the group of net energy importers excluding Belarus.