

14 February 2017

Excellency,

ECOSOC special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters (New York, 7 April 2017)

I am writing to request your Mission's support in facilitating the participation of representatives of your national tax authority in the above-mentioned meeting.

Pursuant to its resolution 2017/2 and decision 2017/209, ECOSOC will hold, on 7 April 2017, its one-day annual meeting to consider international cooperation in tax matters including, as appropriate, its contribution to mobilizing domestic financial resources for development and the institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation, with the participation of the representatives of national tax authorities.

The meeting will be held immediately following the 14th session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (Committee). It will aim to facilitate a dialogue between the Committee and the Council and provide input to the intergovernmental consideration of tax matters at the United Nations, as mandated in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. This year's special meeting will serve as an important opportunity to highlight the major accomplishments of the current membership of the Committee, given that its term expires in June 2017. The meeting will also discuss, with relevant stakeholders, broader thematic issues in international tax cooperation.

Members and observers of the Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, in writing, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Jose Rene Tanoy, email tanoy@un.org; room S-1291).

Further information about the meeting, including a tentative programme and concept note will be available shortly on the FfD website at: http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/events/event/ie-2017-ictm.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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