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and the
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“Domestic Resource Mobilization: Where to go after Addis?”

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Programme

Opening remarks: H.E. Mr. Andrej Logar, Chair of the Second Committee

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Introductory remarks: Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Director, Financing for Development Office,
UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Panel discussion

Presentations by the panellists:

- Professor David Rosenbloom, James S. Eustice Visiting Professor of Practice and Taxation and Director of the International Tax Program, New York University
- Ms. Victoria Perry, Assistant Director and Chief of Tax Policy Division, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF
- Ms. Blanca Moreno-Dodson, Lead Economist for Tax Policy, Macro and Fiscal Management Global Practice, World Bank
- Ms. Gail Hurley, Policy Specialist Development Finance, Bureau of Policy and Programme Support, UNDP
- Mr. Tatu Ilunga, Senior Policy Advisor, Tax and Extractive Industries, Oxfam America
- Mr. Eric Mensah, Assistant Commissioner, Ghana Revenue Authority, Member of the UN Committee of Experts in International Cooperation in Tax Matters (via video conference/telephone)

Questions & answers

Closing remarks: H.E. Mr. Andrej Logar, Chair of the Second Committee
H.E. Mr. Oh Joon, President of ECOSOC

Biographies of Panellists

Gail Hurley is Policy Specialist for Development Finance at UNDP's Bureau for Policy and Programme Support. Prior to this, she worked for Eurodad as Policy and Advocacy Officer with responsibility for their work on multilateral debt. Before joining Eurodad, Gail was Coordinator of the European Volunteer Centre in Brussels. She has also worked at the European Commission (DG Development), and has been a teacher of English as a Foreign Language in several different countries. Gail has a BA Hons. degree in French and Hispanic Studies from the University of Liverpool and an MSc. in Development Studies from the School of African and Oriental Studies, University of London. English is her mother-tongue. She also speaks French and Spanish.

Mr. Tatu Ilunga is Senior Policy Advisor for Tax and Extractive Industries with Oxfam America. He is responsible for leading Oxfam America's tax policy work with a special emphasis on tax justice issues as they relate to extractive industries. Mr. Ilunga works closely with Oxfam country programs and civil society partners as they develop and implement tax justice campaigns. Prior to joining Oxfam, he was with the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and the Energy and Extractive Industries Global Practice at the World Bank. He has also held positions with the International Tax Practice of both KPMG and Ernst & Young in Luxembourg. Mr. Ilunga assisted multinational groups in various industries with their international tax planning, advising them on a broad range of cross-border issues, holding and financing structures, international restructuring, mergers and acquisitions, repatriation planning and tax treaties issues, including in oil, gas and mining. He has had work experience in Benin, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo and South Africa. He holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from The George Washington University Law School in International and Comparative Laws and a Maîtrise en Droit des Affaires (JD equivalent) from the University of Lille 2, France. Mr. Ilunga is a member of the Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT) Coalition's Policy and Communications Committee.

Mr. Eric Nii Yarboi Mensah is currently Assistant Commissioner of Taxes, Ghana Revenue Authority where he is in charge of, among other duties, negotiations of tax treaties, writing legal opinions on tax matters, drafting tax legislations, competent authority for exchange of information and transfer pricing issues. He holds a postgraduate Certificate in Legislative Drafting, Ghana School of Law, a Certificate in Business Taxation, and a Certificate in Modernizing Tax Administration, University of Pretoria. Mr. Mensah also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Political Science, University of Ghana.

Mrs. Blanca Moreno-Dodson is an experienced development economist with more than twenty years of World Bank service worldwide, and intensive experience in Africa and Latin America. She is accomplished in macroeconomics and fiscal policy for developing countries, with a focus

on growth, inequality and poverty reduction. Mrs. Moreno-Dodson is skilled in public expenditure analysis, fiscal sustainability, tax policy reforms, public finance, and transfer pricing. Previously, she worked as junior economist at the European Union (European Commission and European Parliament). She is the editor of three World Bank books: “Reducing Poverty on a Global Scale”, 2005, “Public Finance for Poverty Reduction”, 2007, and “Is Fiscal Policy the Answer? A Developing Country Perspective”, 2012. Mrs. Moreno-Dodson has also published on macroeconomics, public finance, growth, and poverty issues at the National Tax Association Journal, Banca d’Italia Fiscal Policy Annual Volume, Hacienda Pública Española Journal, and Bulletin of Economic Research, as well as the World Bank Working Papers series. She holds a PhD and a Masters in International Economics and Finance from the Aix-Marseille II University, France, as well as a Masters in Economics from the Madrid Autonomous University, Spain. She is fluent in Spanish, French, English and Portuguese.

Ms. Victoria Perry is Assistant Director in the Fiscal Affairs Department and Division Chief of the Tax Policy Division at the International Monetary Fund. Since joining the IMF in 1993, she has provided technical assistance in tax policy and revenue administration to more than 40 countries in Africa, Europe, and Asia. From 2002 to 2008 she served as Division Chief for Revenue Administration in FAD. She is a coauthor of the book *The Modern VAT*, published by the IMF in 2001. Prior to joining the IMF, Ms. Perry was the Deputy Director of the Harvard University International Tax Program, teaching comparative income taxation and value added taxation and providing technical assistance in revenue policy through the Harvard Institute for International Development. Ms. Perry previously practiced tax law with the Boston law firm of Hale and Dorr (now WilmerHale). She is past president of the American Tax Policy Institute; a member of the Board of the National Tax Association; and past Chair of the Value Added Tax Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation. She received her J.D. from the Harvard Law School, and her B.A. from Yale University in economics and philosophy.

Professor H. David Rosenbloom became the Director of NYU’s International Tax Program in 2002. He is a member of Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered, a firm he rejoined in 1981 after serving as International Tax Counsel and Director, Office of International Tax Affairs, in the U.S. Treasury Department from 1978 to 1981. He has also served as Tax Policy Advisor for the U.S. Treasury, the OECD, AID, and the World Bank in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Senegal, Malawi, and South Africa. Professor Rosenbloom's major areas of practice include international tax controversies, transfer pricing planning and disputes, advance pricing agreements, the foreign tax credit, tax treaties, financial products and financial institutions, and international aspects of corporate and individual tax planning. He is the author of numerous articles on international tax issues.