



The President  
of the  
Economic and Social Council

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Excellency,

I am writing to seek your assistance in inviting a representative of your national tax authority to the special meeting of the Council on “*International cooperation in tax matters*”, which will be held on 29 May 2013 in the ECOSOC Chamber at UN Headquarters.

Pursuant to ECOSOC resolution 2012/33, the meeting will consider international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation. The discussion will be informed by a report of the Secretary-General on further progress achieved in strengthening the work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters and its cooperation with concerned multilateral bodies and relevant regional and subregional organizations.

The centre piece of the morning session will be an official launch of the UN Practical Manual on Transfer Pricing for Developing Countries, followed by a panel discussion on “Transfer pricing challenges for developing countries”.

The afternoon session will feature two consecutive panel discussions on “Capacity development in tax matters” and “Current issues in countering international tax avoidance and tax evasion”, with the participation of major international organizations active in the tax area.

A renewed effort will be made to promote strict adherence to the meeting schedule and time limits for interventions, in order to stimulate a more interactive dialogue. All participants will be requested to avoid reading from written statements, although this will not preclude the distribution of full texts.

For further information, including programme of the event, please consult the website of the meeting at: [www.un.org/esa/ffd/tax/2013ICTM/index.htm](http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/tax/2013ICTM/index.htm).

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

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