



**The President
of the
Economic and Social Council**

14 February 2012

**ECOSOC Meeting on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
(New York, 15 March 2012)**

Excellency,

At its Organizational session, held on 7 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 2011/23, decided that “the one-day meeting of the Council to consider the question of international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation, will be held at Headquarters on 15 March 2012”, in conjunction with the special high-level meeting of ECOSOC with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (New York, 12-13 March 2012).

The Council will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on the role and work of the UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, including further options to strengthen the work of the Committee and its cooperation with concerned multilateral bodies and relevant regional and subregional organizations. The event will also feature an official launch of the *United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries: 2011 Update*.

In preparation for the 15 March meeting of ECOSOC, the Financing for Development Office (FfDO) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) New York Office are jointly organizing, on 14 March, an expert group meeting on current priority areas of the work programme of the Committee, namely transfer pricing issues for developing countries and capacity development in tax matters. In this connection, a FES Perspectives Brief, entitled *Transfer Pricing is a Financing for Development Issue*, will be presented.

You will recall that ECOSOC resolution 2011/23 encouraged the President of the Council “to issue invitations to representatives of national tax authorities to attend the meeting”. Accordingly, I would be grateful if you would transmit this invitation to your Government’s tax authority and communicate the composition of your delegation to the Secretariat of ECOSOC (Room IN-0603A; fax +1-212-963-5935; e-mail: alejandrino@un.org) with a copy to FfDO/DESA (Room DC2-2148; fax: +1-917-367-5869; e-mail: taxffdooffice@un.org).

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miloš Koterec'.

Miloš Koterec

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New York