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Co-Chairs,

Distinguished Members of the Committee,

Distinguished Observers,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, I have the honor to welcome you to the 7<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters.

I would like to focus first on substance and then a few administrative matters. At this juncture, let me take a moment to introduce Ms. Caroline Lombardo, recently appointed Acting Chief of the International Tax and Development Cooperation Branch. She brings to the post wide ranging experience, sound professional and managerial skills. I am confident that she will provide outstanding support to your work.

I will address three substantive aspects: (i) the wider context of the Committee's work, (ii) expected outcomes of this session, and (iii) a look to your work ahead.

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First, the context. The Tax Committee has a special responsibility to frame its work programme and outputs in the wider context of sustainable development, especially the 2030

The strategy puts a strong focus on strengthening the effectiveness and efficiency of tax systems, including through capacity development, to generate the domestic resources needed for

The work on the proposed currently  
focuses on the chapter on the Mutual Agreement Procedure and integrating the eponymous Guide  
into that chapter

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Let me know focus on some administrative matters.

The phrase "limited resources" inevitably arises in considering the Committee's work. The Co.