



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

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters. As Member States are aware, in the report on its eleventh session (document [E/2015/45](#)), the Committee of Experts agreed that its twelfth session should be held in Geneva from 11 to 14 October 2016. The convening of the twelfth session in October 2016 in Geneva was foreseen in the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2016 and 2017 ([E/2015/L.8](#)) approved by the Council in its decision 2015/256 of 22 July 2015.

In accordance with the established practice of the Economic and Social Council, the Council adopts individual decisions approving the dates and venue of the sessions of its subsidiary bodies. This was the case for all previous sessions of the Committee of Experts. In this regard, it is my understanding that there is agreement among Member States that the twelfth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters should be held in Geneva from 11 to 14 October 2016. The dates and venue should be approved by the Council at its next formal meeting, to be scheduled before the opening of the twelfth session of the Committee of Experts on 11 October 2016. Based on this understanding, which is shared by the other members of the Bureau of the Council, and without prejudice to ongoing consultations on related matters, I encourage the Secretariat to proceed with the necessary organizational and logistical arrangements for the convening of the twelfth session of the Committee of Experts from 11 to 14 October 2016.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Shava', written in a cursive style.

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