Proposals for the Report to be developed on the promotion of inclusive and effective international tax cooperation

1. To ameliorate the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters performance, we propose to allow all UN member countries to participate in the Committee meetings and set up mechanisms that will enable the members to express their opinions with respect to tax matters in its entirety. Establishing the working groups gathering all the UN member countries under the same umbrella to work on cooperation in the field of international taxation and effectively participate in designing, developing, adopting, and enforcing relevant approaches, methodologies, recommendations, reports, papers, and other respective documents dealing with the principles of international taxation.

2. Lack of commercial databases containing comparable data resources on private companies operating in developing countries challenges the conduction of accurate and precise benchmarks on transfer prices by tax administrations of such jurisdictions. With that in mind, we suggest upgrading and enhancing the capacity of the existing UN Comtrade database by learning and applying the best practice of specialized commercial databases used for transfer pricing benchmarking purposes, and in parallel, developing the Guidelines that will facilitate a benchmarking process in the developing countries.

3. Investigating the possibilities of applying a unified approach to taxation of the digital economy in developing countries, and developing new mechanisms for improving legislative and administrative frameworks for the taxation of cryptocurrency, margin trading, sports betting other virtual games, online purchases, and sales, and other income received by individuals from electronic commerce.

4. Consider creating new tools to embrace as many countries as possible, particularly developing countries, and support them in the issues such as technical assistance and capacity building, knowledge creation and dissemination, and input into the design and implementation of standards for international tax matters. Apart from the aforesaid issues, such support should also focus on the harmonization of domestic tax legislation with the best international standards.