

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Thirtieth Session (New York)

Item 3(g) Environmental Taxation

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CRP.21 and its Annex

Outline of Presentation

- Update on progress of work
- Specific item for guidance by the Committee final paper
- Suggestions for consideration by the next Membership of the Committee on potential future work on environmental taxation

Update on Progress of Work

Workstream title & parts	Status
	Advance unedited versions of all
	papers approved by the Committee
	are available online.
1: Interaction of carbon taxation with other national measures in the context of a broader tax reform and particular	
attention to fossil fuel subsidies	
Part A: Interaction between carbon taxes and other environmental measures	Approved 27th Session
(emissions trading and climate policy)	Approved – 21 Gession
Part B: Assessing the Interaction of Carbon Taxation with Excise Duties, VAT, and	Proposed for final approval - 30th
Income Taxation	Session
Part C: Phasing out fossil fuel subsidies	Approved – 29th Session
2: The role of carbon taxes and other measures in supporting energy transition	Approved – 28 th Session
3: The interaction between carbon taxes and carbon offsetting programs	Approved – 28 th Session
4: Border Carbon Adjustments: Impact and relevance for developing countries	
Part A: Carbon leakage and ways to address it	Approved – 27 th Session
Part B: Border carbon adjustment measures	Approved – 27 th Session
Part C: Potential responses to border carbon adjustments	Approved – 29 th Session
5: Other environmental measures other than carbon taxes	
Main paper: Environmental taxation (Other than Carbon Taxes)	Approved – 29 th Session
Appendix: Inventory of Select Environmental Taxes and other Measures	Approved – 29 th Session
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Specific item for guidance by the Committee – final paper

Action Requested:

Part B of Workstream 1, which is the final paper by the Subcommittee, is presented for final approval by the Committee. The paper is presented as ANNEX to CRP.21

Part B Paper deals with:

- The Interaction between carbon taxation and excise duties, VAT, personal income tax and corporate income taxes
- Explores practical implications and provides key takeaways for consideration by developing countries
- The current version has been refined following feedback received at the 29th Session

Suggestions for Consideration by the Next Membership

General considerations (see further Appendix to CRP.21):

- Focusing on a cross-cutting challenge for environmental tax reforms: addressing administrative and implementation challenges
- Encouraging a comprehensive approach that integrates different environmental taxes within broader fiscal reforms
 - Building on existing tax systems to foster simpler, more growth-friendly tax systems, yielding societal benefits
- Strengthening the role of environmental taxation
 - Identifying new sources of tax revenue
 - Building on existing tax administration to cater to needs of countries with low level of administrative capacity
- Addressing administrative and implementation challenges
 - Examining key administrative considerations for implementing and enforcing environmental tax measures
- Advancing sector-specific environmental taxation
 - Examine how taxation in deforestration-linked industries can be structured to promote sustainable resource management at the same time as contributing to economic growth

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Summary – Matters for Committee's Guidance

Final Approval: The remaining document (Annex to CRP.21) is presented for final approval

Thank you!

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