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# **Appointment of 25 members of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters**

# Note by the Secretary-General

### Addendum

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2004/69, the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters comprises 25 members nominated by Governments and acting in their personal capacity. The members are to be drawn from the fields of tax policy and tax administration and selected to reflect an adequate equitable geographical distribution, representing different tax systems. They are to be appointed by the Secretary-General after notification has been given to the Economic and Social Council. The term of office is four years.

In a letter dated 15 December 2008, the Director of the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, invited Member States to nominate qualified candidates for membership in the Committee. As at 15 March 2009, a total of 38 nominations had been received.

On the basis of the nominations presented by Member States, the Secretary-General has decided to appoint the following persons to the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters for a term beginning on the date of notification of such appointment and expiring on 30 June 2013. Biographical information on the appointees is contained in the annex to the present note.

Mr. Kwame **Adjei-Djan** (Ghana) Mr. Sae Joon **Ahn** (Republic of Korea) Mrs. Farida **Amjad** (Pakistan) Mr. Keiji **Aoyama** (Japan) Mr. Bernell L. **Arrindell** (Barbados) Mr. Noureddine **Bensouda** (Morocco) Mrs. Claudine **Devillet** (Belgium)







Mr. El Hadj Ibrahima **Diop** (Senegal) Mr. Amr El Monayer (Egypt) Mr. Miguel **Ferré** Navarrete (Spain) Mr. Juerg **Giraudi** (Switzerland) Mr. Mansor **Hassan** (Malaysia) Mrs. Liselott Kana (Chile) Mrs. Anita **Kapur** (India) Mr. Wolfgang Karl Lasars (Germany) Mr. Tizhong **Liao** (China) Mr. Henry John Louie (United States of America) Mr. Enrico Martino (Italy) Mr. Robin **Oliver** (New Zealand) Mrs. Ifueko Omoigui Okauru (Nigeria) Mrs. Iskra Georgieva **Slavcheva** (Bulgaria) Mr. Stig B. Sollund (Norway) Mr. Marcos Aurelio Pereira Valadao (Brazil) Mr. Ronald Peter van der Merwe (South Africa) Mr. Armando Lara **Yaffar** (Mexico)

# Annex

# **Biographical information on appointees to the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters**

Name: Mr. Kwame Adjei-Djan

Nationality: Ghana

**Present position**:

Deputy Commissioner, Legal Services, Internal Revenue Service

### **Previous positions**

Acting Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service Deputy Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service Assistant Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service

### Education

LL.B., University of Ghana, Legon Certificate in Legislative Drafting, Royal Institute of Public Administration, London

Name: Mr. Sae Joon Ahn

Nationality: Republic of Korea

### **Present position**

Director, International Tax Division, Ministry of Strategy and Finance

#### **Previous positions**

Director, Property Tax Division, Ministry of Strategy and Finance

Director, Free Economic Zone Planning Office, Ministry of Strategy and Finance

Senior Deputy Director, Real Estate Planning Office, Ministry of Strategy and Finance

### Education

Bachelor of Law, Seoul National University Master of Public Administration, Seoul National University Master of Laws (LL.M.), University of Washington School of Law Master of Laws (LL.M.), New York University School of Law

## Name: Mrs. Farida Amjad

Nationality: Pakistan

### **Present position**

Chief (International Taxes), Federal Board of Revenue

### **Previous positions**

Chief, Human Resources Management, Federal Board of Revenue Additional Commissioner of Companies, Rawalpindi Deputy Commissioner of Companies/Deputy Director Inspection

### Education

Master of Science in International Relations, Quaid-E-Azam University, Islamabad Master in Public Management, Carnegie Mellon University, United States

Name: Mr. Keiji Aoyama Nationality: Japan

### **Present position**

Professor of Tax Law, Graduate School of Business, Tsukuba University

### **Previous positions**

Deputy Commissioner, International Affairs, National Tax Agency Director, Office of International Operations, National Tax Agency Director, International Examination Division, National Tax Agency

### Education

Bachelor of Law, University of Tokyo Master of Law, University of Tokyo

Name: Mr. Bernell L. Arrindell Nationality: Barbados

### **Present positions**

International Tax Partner, Ernst & Young

Member, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, United Nations

Consultant to the Government of Barbados Higher Executive Officer, United Kingdom Inland Revenue (International Division) Member, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Working Group on Fiscal Policy Member, Barbados Direct Tax Review Committee

### Education

Diploma in English Law, London Metropolitan University (formerly London Guildhall University)

#### Name: Mr. Noureddine Bensouda

Nationality: Morocco

#### **Present position**

Director-General of Taxation, Ministry of Finance and Privatization

Chairperson, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, United Nations

#### **Previous positions**

Assistant Director of Taxation, Ministry of Finance

Chief of Cabinet, Prime Minister's Office

Member, Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, United Nations

### Education

Doctorat d'Etat en Droit Public, Université Mohammed V, Faculté des Sciences Juridiques, Economiques et Sociales, Rabat

Doctorat en Droit Public, Université de Paris I, Panthéon Sorbonne

Diplôme d'Études Supérieures en Droit Public, Faculté des Sciences Juridiques, Economiques et Sociales, Rabat

Name: Mrs. Claudine Devillet

Nationality: Belgium

### **Present position**

Director, International Department/Income Taxes, Fiscal Affairs Administration, Federal Public Service Finance

Lawyer, International Department/Income Taxes, Fiscal Affairs Administration, Federal Public Service Finance

Inspector, National Social Security Office

#### Education

Licenciate in Law, Free University of Brussels

Special Licenciate in Economic Law, Free University of Brussels

#### Name: Mr. El Hadj Ibrahima Diop

Nationality: Senegal

#### **Present position**

Director of Legislation and Litigation Studies, Ministry of Economy and Finance

### **Previous positions**

Inspector and Auditor, Senior Tax Inspection Team, Department of Tax Inspection and Investigation

Chief of Inspection, Tax Department

#### Education

Master's degree in Economics, Université de Dakar

Postgraduate studies in taxation, École Nationale d'Administration et de Magistrature, Senegal

Postgraduate studies in accounting, École Nationale Supérieure Universitaire de Technologie, Senegal

### Name: Mr. Amr El Monayer

Nationality: Egypt

### **Present position**

Assistant to the Tax Commissioner

### **Previous positions**

Assistant to the Deputy Minister/Tax Commissioner

Assistant to the Deputy Minister for Tax Policy

Tax Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Egypt

Senior Tax Manager, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu International, Egypt

### Education

Bachelor of Arts, Mansoura University, Egypt

Name: Mr. Miguel Ferré Navarrete

Nationality: Spain

### **Present position**

Deputy Director-General, International Fiscal Affairs, Taxation Directorate-General, Ministry of Economy and Finance

Member, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, United Nations

#### **Previous positions**

Finance Counsellor, Permanent Representative of Spain to the European Union, Brussels

Deputy Director-General, Legal Coordination and Planning, Customs and Excise Directorate-General, State Tax Agency

### Education

Bachelor's Degree in Law, Universidad Complutense, Madrid

Postgraduate studies in tax law

#### Name: Mr. Jeurg Giraudi

Nationality: Switzerland

### **Present position**

Head, Division for International Affairs, Swiss Federal Tax Administration

### **Previous positions**

International Senior Tax Counsel, AXA SA, Paris/Winterthur Head of Group Tax, "Winterthur" Swiss Insurance Company Head of Corporate Tax, Forbo International AG, Eglisau Tax Counsel, Swiss Reinsurance Company, Zurich

### Education

Law degree, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland

### Name: Mr. Mansor Hassan

Nationality: Malaysia

### **Present position**

Director, International Tax Department, Inland Revenue Board

#### **Previous positions**

Director of Research and International Studies and Deputy Director, Malaysian Tax Academy

Assistant Director, Compliance Department, Inland Revenue Board

### Education

BBA and MBA, Western Michigan University, United States

Name: Mrs. Liselott Kana

Nationality: Chile

### **Present position**

Head, Department of International Taxation, Internal Revenue Service, Chile

Member, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, United Nations

### **Previous positions**

Head, Department of Free Trade of the Americas, Directorate of International Economic Relations, Ministry of External Relations

Foreign Investment Committee, Ministry of Economy

Tax Department, Arthur Andersen & Co., London

### Education

Bachelor of Law, University of Stockholm

Master of Laws, London School of Economics, London

Name: Mrs. Anita Kapur

Nationality: India

### **Present position**

Joint Secretary (Foreign Tax and Tax Research), Central Board of Direct Taxes, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance

Joint Secretary (Tax, Policy and Legislation), Central Board of Direct Taxes, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance

Commissioner of Income Tax (Tax Deducted at Source), Income Tax Department

Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals), Income Tax Department

Commissioner of Income Tax (Income Tax Appellate Tribunal), Income Tax Department

#### Education

BA in English History and Political Science, Punjab University

MA in English Literature, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Name: Mr. Wolfgang Karl Albert Lasars

Nationality: Germany

### **Present position**

Director, International Tax Section, Federal Ministry of Finance

### **Previous positions**

Deputy Director, International Tax Section, Federal Ministry of Finance

Member, Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, United Nations

### Education

First Judicial State Examination, Study of Law and Chinese, Free University of Berlin

Doctor of Law, Free University of Berlin

Name: Mr. Tizhong Liao

Nationality: China

### **Present position**

Deputy Director General of Tax Treaty, Department of International Taxation, State Administration of Taxation

Member, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, United Nations

Director of Exchange of Information and Non-Resident Taxation, Department of International Taxation

Director of Tax Treaties, Department of International Taxation

Deputy Director of Tax Treaties, Department of International Taxation

Consultant, Department of International Tax Cooperation

Member, Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, United Nations

### Education

LLM, London University

PhD., Beijing Foreign Studies University

Name: Mr. Henry John Louie

Nationality: United States of America

### **Present position**

International Economist, Office of Tax Policy, United States Department of the Treasury

### **Previous positions**

Senior Treasury Negotiator, United States Department of the Treasury

#### Education

Bachelor of Arts, Georgetown University, United States

Master of Arts in Economics, Duke University, United States

### Name: Mr. Enrico Martino

Nationality: Italy

### **Present position**

Head, International Relations, Department of Finance, Ministry of the Economy and Finance

Member of the Board of the Italian branch, International Fiscal Association

#### **Previous positions**

Head, Tax Treaty Unit, International Relations, Department of Finance, Ministry of the Economy and Finance

Head, International Taxation, Central Directorate for Legal Affairs, Revenue Agency Senior Manager (Tax), Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Italy

### Education

Bachelor's degree in Economics from "La Sapienza" University, Rome Postgraduate studies in tax law

#### Name: Mr. Robin Oliver

Nationality: New Zealand

#### **Present positions**

Deputy Commissioner (Policy), Inland Revenue, New Zealand

Deputy Chair, Committee on Fiscal Affairs, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

Member, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, United Nations

### **Previous positions**

Taxation partner, Arthur Andersen & Co., New Zealand Taxation partner, McLeod Lojkine Associates, New Zealand Taxation Manager, KPMG Peat Marwick, New Zealand Chief Economic and Financial Analyst, New Zealand Treasury

### Education

BA in History and Political Science, University of Auckland MA in Political Science, University of Auckland LLB, University of Auckland

Name: Mrs. Ifueko Marina Omoigui Okauru

Nationality: Nigeria

#### **Present position**

Executive Chairman, Federal Inland Revenue Service

Chairman, Joint Tax Board

### **Previous positions**

Chief Responsibility Officer, ReStraL, Ltd., Nigeria

Partner, Arthur Andersen & Co. (currently split into KPMG Professional Services and Accenture), Nigeria

### Education

First-class degree in Accounting, University of Lagos Master of Science, Imperial College, University of London

#### Name: Mrs. Iskra Georgieva Slavcheva

Nationality: Bulgaria

### **Present position**

Director of Tax Treaty Directorate, National Revenue Agency, Ministry of Finance

### **Previous positions**

Head of Tax Treaty Division, General Tax Directorate, Ministry of Finance

Chief Legal Adviser, Head of Law Division, State Financial Control, Ministry of Finance

### Education

LLM Certificate, Sofia University

Master's degree, Sofia University

Name: Mr. Stig B. Sollund

Nationality: Norway

### **Present position**

Director-General, Deputy Head of Tax Law Department, Ministry of Finance

Member, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, United Nations

#### **Previous positions**

Partner, Bugge, Arentz-Hansen Law Firm, Oslo

Director-General, and Head of Business and Energy Tax Section, Tax Law Department, Ministry of Finance

Partner, Arntzen & Underland, Law Firm, Oslo

Chairman, International Fiscal Association, Norwegian Branch

## Education

Law degree, University of Oslo

Name: Mr. Marcos Aureilo Pereira Valadao

Nationality: Brazil

### **Present position**

Coordinator-General for International Relations, Brazilian Federal Revenue Secretariat

Adviser, Constitutional Tax Reform Commission

Internal Revenue Service of the Ministry of Finance, Tax Auditor of the Brazilian Federal Revenue Secretariat

#### **Previous positions**

Coordinator of Taxation for Taxes on Production and International Trade

### Education

LLB, JD, Catholic University of Goiás, Brazil

MBA, Brazilian Institute of Capital Markets

LLM, University of Brasilia

LLM, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, United States

SJD, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, United States

Name: Mr. Ronald Peter van der Merwe

Nationality: South Africa

#### **Present position**

Senior Manager, International Treaties Division, South African Revenue Service

Member, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, United Nations

#### **Previous positions**

Law Interpretation Division and audit of all areas of income tax

Co-Chair, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Technical Advisory Group on the Taxation of Business Profits, representing non-member Governments

Chair, Working Group of the committee dealing with international tax treaties and direct taxes of the Southern African Development Community

### Education

National Diploma in State Accounts and Finance

# Name: Mr. Armando Lara Yaffar

### Nationality: Mexico

### **Present position**

Deputy Director-General for International Treaties, Department of Revenue and Public Credit, Ministry of Finance

Member, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, United Nations

### **Previous positions**

Director for Treaty Negotiation and Special Projects, Department of Revenue and Public Credit, Ministry of Finance

Director, Division of Legal International Procedure, Department of Revenue and Public Credit, Ministry of Finance

### Education

Bachelor's degree in law, Escuela Libre de Derecho, Mexico

Finance degree, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico