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Dear Mr President,

Follow-up to ECOSOC Side Event on Tax Evasion and Capital Flight

We are writing to thank you and the ECOSOC staff for the kind opportunity extended to the Tax Justice Network to organize jointly with the Finance for Development Office/DESA a side event during the Substantive Session held in Geneva in July 2006.

This event, held on 24th July, started with warm introductory remarks by Mme Ann Orr, Senior Economic Affairs Officer at the Financing for Development Office, followed by presentations from Professor Michael J. McIntyre of the Wayne State University, Mr Vicente Paolo B. Yu of the South Centre, and Mr David Spencer, Lawyer and Senior Adviser to the Tax Justice Network. These presentations were followed by a very engaged discussion between attending experts representing governments, UN agencies, academies and civil society. The meeting was chaired by Mr Bruno Gurtner, Senior Economist with AllianceSud, Switzerland, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Tax Justice Network.

Amongst other issues we discussed the links between capital flight, tax evasion, corruption and money-laundering, transfer-pricing, and repatriation of assets. Speakers also emphasised the need for strong engagement by international organizations in preventing and combating fraud and capital flight.

The meeting also evaluated the benefits of developing a Code of Conduct on Cooperation in Combating Capital Flight, International Tax Evasion and Avoidance along the lines of the Code proposed by Professor McIntyre. The Tax Justice Network urges the Committee of Experts on

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International Cooperation in Tax Matters to consider the development and implementation of a Code of Conduct along these lines.

We have the honour to submit to you the written contributions from the speakers at our side event, including an outline draft resolution calling upon the Committee of Experts on Tax Matters to prepare a Code of Conduct. We would be very grateful for your support for submitting this proposal to the agenda for discussion by the Tax Committee.

Yours faithfully,

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Attachments:

Introductory remarks by Ann Orr

Speaking Notes by Vicente Paolo B. Yu

Issues to be Added to the Agenda of ECOSOC by David Spencer

Suggested Draft Resolution from ECOSOC to Expert Committee by Michael J. McIntyre

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