

Mr. President,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the fourteen Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) that are members of the United Nations

At the outset, we would wish to align ourselves with the statement delivered by the delegation of Ecuador on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The universal character of the UN ensures that all countries are able to participate on “equal footing”, allowing all Member States the opportunity to shape the global agenda. In this connection, we take note, with interest, of the recently launched Platform for Collaboration on Tax, and would anticipate a critical role for deliberations within the context of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

In the same vein, CARICOM continues to support the call for the conversion of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters into an intergovernmental subsidiary body of