



## Special Meeting of ECOSOC on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

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Statement by the Secretary-General of the Economic Commission for Europe  
on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

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speculative capital also as well as  
and addressing corruption.

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Manual on Treaty Negotiations. Closer cooperation between relevant bodies of the UN and the UN as well as relevant regional organizations is fundamental when formulating international standards. In this regard, I would like to emphasize that the UN has a key role to play in this area, i.e. developing a common methodology for treaty negotiations in order to ensure that the views of all parties involved are taken into account.

looking forward to our debate today.

Mr President,

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