

**Closing remarks by
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matters
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Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have concluded our discussions today on international cooperation in

... and the important contribution it makes to mobilizing

on the most relevant topics which were covered, including possible changes to articles and commentaries of the UN Model, the update of the UN Practical Manual on Transfer Pricing, environmental tax issues

and extractive industry taxation.

During the panel discussions that followed, we heard some practical

enterprises can erode the tax base of developing countries. This is particularly relevant since a large part of the domestic resources of

Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Committee. The OECD discussed the need for countries to identify their own national priorities on international tax cooperation in the rapidly changing international tax landscape. The IMF spoke about why and how to establish medium term reform strategies, including a framework for design, implementation and measurement; and the World Bank discussed how to improve and integrate diagnostic tools and strategic thinking. We also heard from regional organizations in Latin America and Africa on how their work would interact with the work of the Platform.

Panellists also discussed the next steps for the Platform. Of particular note was discussion on the 1st Global Conference to be organized by the Platform and hosted at UN Headquarters in New York in February 2018.

This Conference will focus on an important topic of the role of taxation

in achieving the SDGs. We look forward to hearing more about this
quest as its planning progresses

To conclude, allow me to emphasize the importance of the continued
and strengthened cooperation between the Committee and ECOSOC