

To the kind attention of:

Co-chairs of Discussion Group VI: Illicit Financial Flows
Barbados and Nigeria

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Subject: Civil Society FfD Group inputs

Your excellencies,

We thank you again for all your work and for the opportunity to participate in discussion group VI on illicit financial flows. As indicated, we hereby send the inputs from the Civil Society FfD Group to the draft summary document.

As mentioned during the call, we believe it is important that the summary includes a mention of the constructive conversations and discussions the group has had about the need to address international architectural questions, including the considerations regarding the establishment of a universal intergovernmental UN tax commission and development of a UN Convention to address tax havens, tax abuse by multinational corporations and other illicit financial flows.

We believe that these points can be followed up on already in the short term, for example in the form of an open-ended intergovernmental UN working group.

Below, we have suggested concrete language to this effect.

Lastly, we would suggest that the very helpful Policy Options Data Capture Matrix, which has been developed, be made public so that those who would be interested in learning more about the work of the group, as well as take inspiration from the longer list of options, will have the opportunity to do so.

We thank you again.

Best regards,

Civil Society FfD Group (including Women's Working Group on FfD)

This DG VI input facilitated by Eurodad, Jubilee USA, Tax Justice Network Africa and Society for International Development.

Suggested changes to the draft summary document

In line with the recommendations outlined above, we would like to suggest the following:

- Deletion of the words “, albeit on different time scales” in the first paragraph under “Conclusions”.
- Deletion of the word “national” in the heading “Concrete national actions in the short term”.
- The following text as a new point 6 under the section on short term actions:

“We recognize that we need to continue to develop the political consensus to address systemic shortcomings related to IFFs. With this in mind, we propose the establishment of an open-ended working group under the United Nations to further consider these matters, including the proposal of developing a UN Tax Convention. Once the work of the FACTI panel has been completed, we also invite the panel to present its findings to the open-ended working group.”

- Deletion of point 5 under the section on medium and long term actions (this point would now be covered by the new point 6 under short term actions).

- The following row to be added to the matrix at the end of the document:

Action	Time scale	Actor
Establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group on illicit financial flows and international architectural issues	Short-term, recovery	UN General Assembly