

**MEETING OF THE GLOBAL FORUM
TO DISCUSS
THE LEVEL PLAYING FIELD**

DRAFT AGENDA

**To be held at the Ottawa Government Conference Center,
2 Rideau Street, Ottawa**

14-15 October 2003

Starting at 14:00 on 14th October 2003
and continuing until 13:00 on 15th October 2003¹

TUESDAY, 14th OCTOBER

14:00 – 14:30 WELCOME

14:30 – 15:00 UPDATE ON CURRENT WORK

15:00 – 18:00 DISCUSSION OF LEVEL PLAYING FIELD ISSUE

I. STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

- a) Fair Competition
- b) Equity in Standards and Timelines for OECD and non-OECD
- c) Incorporating Minimum Standards in Bilateral and Multilateral Arrangements
- d) Inclusive Forum for achieving Level Playing Field
- e) Uniform Consequences for those that do not adopt the standard
- f) Verification Process
- g) Progress with third countries

¹ The INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP (Bahamas, Belize, Cayman Islands, France, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Ireland, Japan, Mauritius, Netherlands, Panama, Samoa and the United States) will meet on Tuesday 14-October 11 :00-12 :30 and, if necessary, on Wednesday afternoon 15-October 14 :30-15 :30)

II. DEFINING THE STANDARD

- a) OECD Standard
- b) EU Savings Directive and how it relates to OECD Standard

III. IDENTIFYING AND COMPARING CURRENTLY APPLIED STANDARDS

(Discussion to be continued if necessary)

***COCKTAIL RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE STATE SECRETARY OF NORWAY
AT THE GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE CENTER***

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th

09:30-12:00 DISCUSSION OF THE WAY FORWARD

12:00-13:00 CLOSING REMARKS/NEXT STEPS

**13:00-14:30 *BUFFET LUNCH HOSTED BY CANADA CUSTOMS AND REVENUE
AT THE CHATEAU LAURIER***