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Seminar E: IFA/OECD Panels on Two Pillars

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- Porus Kaka, Senior Advocate(India) Barrister (England & Wales) and former President of the IFA Worldwide
- **Panelists**
 - Pascal Saint-Amans, Director, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD .
 - Achim Pross, Head of the International Co-operation and Tax Administration Division, OECD
 - Ruth Mason, Edwin S. Cohen Distinguished Professor of Law and Taxation and Director of the Virginia Center for Tax Law
 - Gael Perraud, Deputy Director for European and International Affairs, French Ministry of the Economy and Finance and Co-Chair of the Task Force on the Digital Economy
 - Huey Min Chia-Tern, Deputy Commissioner (International, Investigation & Indirect Taxes Group) at the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore
 - Lisa Wadlin, Head of Tax, Netflix
 - **Peter Shaw**, Regional Head of Tax Controversy Asia for Maersk
 - Manal Corwin, Principal in Charge of Washington National Tax, KPMG US
- Panel Secretary
 - Heydon Wardell-Burrus, Researcher, Oxford Centre for Business Taxation

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This is the IFA 'Tax' conference

This panel is on the Future of Tax

Pillar One

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Where are we now?

October Statement (2021) reflects agreement on key components of Pillar One

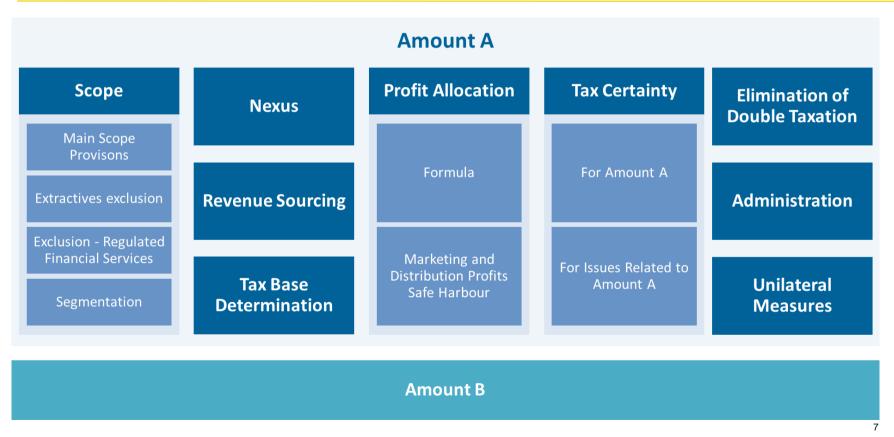
> Task Force on the Digital Economy (TFDE) and Joint WP6/FTA MAP Forum are currently translating the October Statement into substantive rules

> > Progress Report on Amount A released in July with consultation event taking place on 12 September and report on Administration and Tax Certainty aspects to be released soon

8 October 2021 Statement & Detailed Implementation Framework (Pillar 1)

- For in-scope MNEs, 25% of residual profit defined as profit in excess of 10% of revenue will be allocated to market jurisdictions with nexus using a revenue-based allocation key...
- Amount A will be implemented through a Multilateral Convention (MLC), and where necessary by way of correlative changes to domestic law...
- Following its signature, jurisdictions will be expected to ratify the MLC as soon as possible, with the objective of enabling it to enter into force and effect in 2023 once a critical mass of jurisdictions as defined by the MLC have ratified it...
- The MLC will require all parties to remove all Digital Services Taxes and other relevant similar measures with respect to all companies, and to commit not to introduce such measures in the future.

Overview of Pillar One



Key themes in public consultation comments Previously released building blocks

- Main scope provisions (Art. 1): Requests for an additional exclusion for domestic oriented businesses
- Extractives exclusions (Art. 1(3), Sch. B): Support for transition phase with request for technical corrections
- **Regulated financial services exclusion (Art. 1(4), Sch. C):** Support for excluding reinsurance and asset management & request for additional simplification measures
- **Revenue sourcing (Art. 4):** Support for (longer) transition phase & request for more specific guidance
- **Tax base determination (Art. 5):** Requests for further alignment of the tax bases

Key themes in public consultation comments Newly released building blocks

• Segmentation (Art. 1, Sch. D):

Support for limiting segmentation to disclosed segments

• Marketing and Distribution Profits Safe Harbour (Art. 6):

Questions about the RODP-based metric to differentiate routine and non-routine profit Concerns about the offset percentage (Y%) and questions about the relevance of a "de minimis" threshold

Support for taking withholding taxes into account

• Elimination of double taxation (Art. 9):

Questions on the appropriateness of the RODP metric for identifying jurisdictions in which multinationals earn residual profits

Support for the concept of a de minimis rule

Support for the exemption method to eliminate double taxation

Key themes in public consultation comments Other building blocks

- Need for robust framework for withdrawal and standstill of unilateral measures
- Continued support for work on Amount B

Where next?

Pillar One

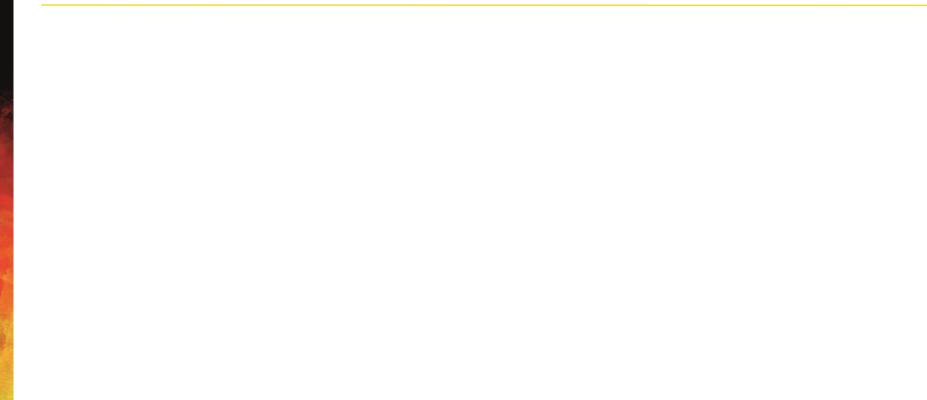
- Release of Administration and Tax Certainty Aspects as well as Unilateral Measures
- Stabilisation of Substantive Rule
- Completion of MLC and Signing Ceremony
- Amount B

Country Perspectives on Pillar One

- France
- Singapore

- US

Business Perspectives on Pillar One



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Pillar Two

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Pillar Two Overview

GloBE rules

- Domestic law provision
- Common approach
- Effective tax rate test, applies on a jurisdictional basis (15%)
- Co-ordination rules

Subject to tax rule

- Treaty provision
- Can be requested by developing countries
- Adjusted nominal tax rate test, applies on a transactional basis (9%)
- Creditable for purposes of the GloBE rules

Pillar Two: GloBE Rules *Six basic building blocks*

Scope of application

MNEs with revenues of more than EUR 750 million

Common tax base

The consolidated financial statements in accordance with an acceptable financial accounting standard (e.g. IFRS or GAAP)

Substance carve-outs

Substance-based Income Exclusion on book value of tangible assets and payroll

Co-ordination & rule order

Interaction of the Income Inclusion Rule (IIR) and the Under Taxed Payment Rule (UTPR)

Jurisdictional blending

Determination of the relevant income and the effective tax rate on a jurisdictional basis

Top-up Tax Concept

The top up tax is charged to bring the tax on the income in the jurisdiction up to the minimum rate

Current focus

Work on the GloBE Implementation Framework across 4 dimensions

Additional clarifications

Administrative procedures, exchange of information, accounting systems, IT

Balance between tax policy objectives and implementation effort simplifications including safe harbours

Rule co-ordination, dispute avoidance and dispute resolution

Where next?

Pillar Two

- GloBE Implementation Framework
- Subject to tax rule
- Implementation process: EU, Canada, Switzerland, UK, etc
- Stabilisation of the system room to remove, revise measures that may no longer be needed?

Focus on Pillar Two

Pillar Two: Subject to tax rule ('STTR')

STTR minimum rate will be 9%

- Applies when the 'adjusted nominal tax rate' is below 9%
- Applies only to defined categories of payments between connected parties – Interest, Royalties, other payments (Franchise fees, Insurance premium, payment for intangibles etc.)
- Gross level taxation
- Treaty based rule which applies in priority to IIR and UTPR
- Awaited Draft model provision and its commentary; and a public discussion draft on the development of a multilateral instrument

Pascal Saint-Amans Concluding Remarks

Thank You