# Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes

## Tax Transparency 2011: Report on Progress

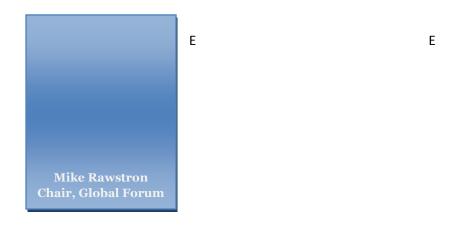
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#### **NOTE TO READER**

The core of this publication, Tax Transparency 2011: Report on Progress, is made up of the report provided to the G20 Leaders on the occasion of their November 2011 Cannes Summit. Readers can find the report in its entirety in Part II of this publication, beginning on page 23.

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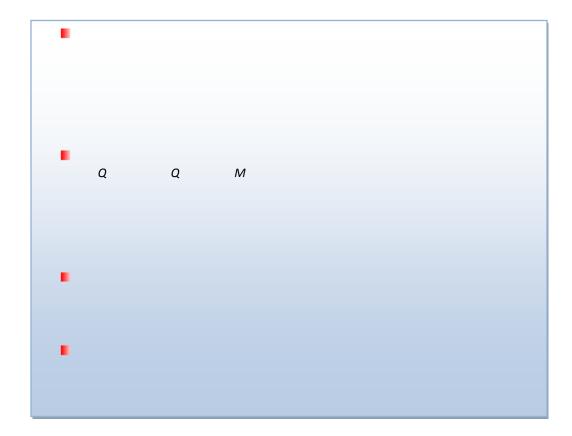
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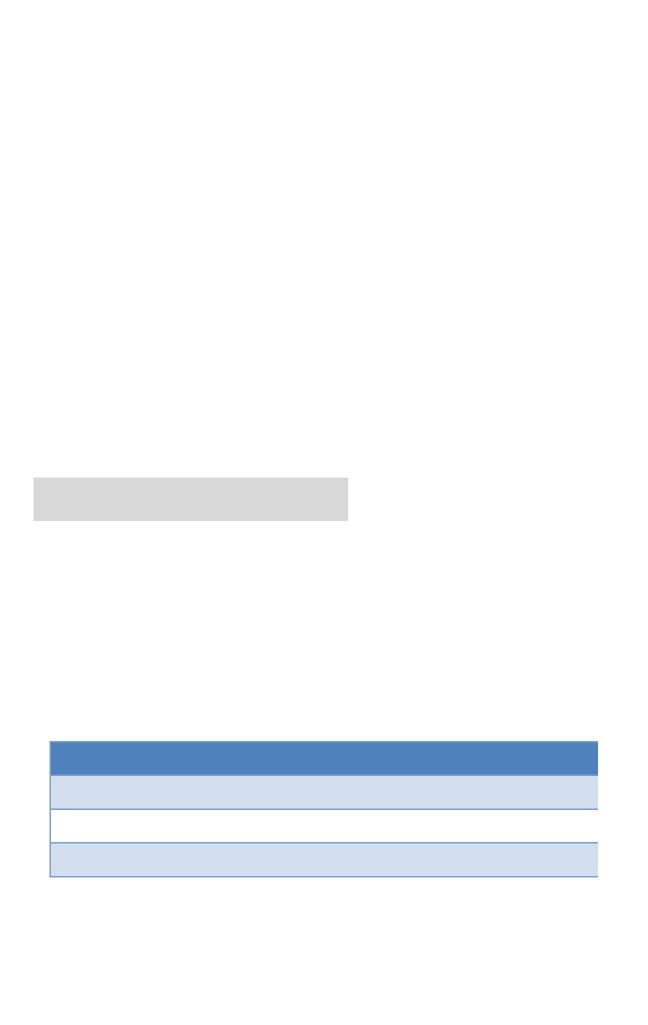


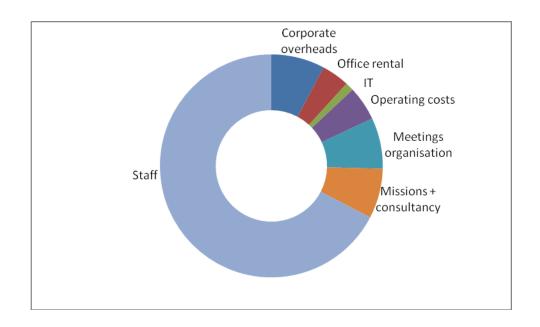
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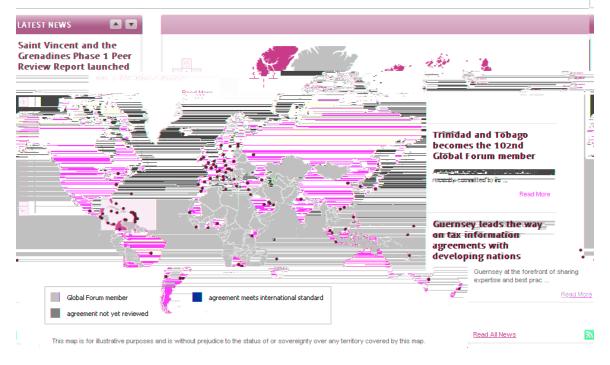


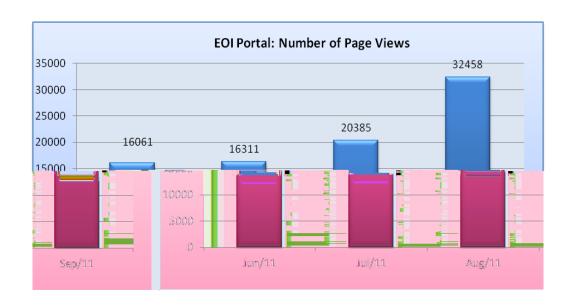


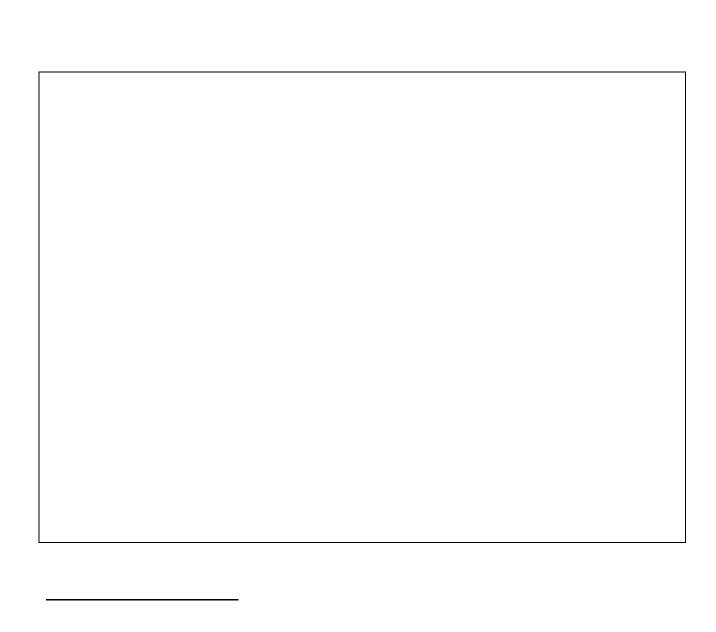
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The Exchange of Tax Information Portal is an initiative of the <u>Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes</u>. The Global Forum conducts peer reviews of its member jurisdictions' ability to co-operate with other tax administrations in accordance with the internationally agreed standard. The standard provides for exchange of information or request where it is foreseeably relevant to the administration and enforcement of the domestic tax laws of the requesting jurisdiction. Effective exchange of information requires that jurisdictions ensure information is available, that it can be obtained by the tax authorities and that there are mechanisms in place allowing for the exchange of that information. The Global Forum's peer review process examines both the legal and regulatory aspects of exchange (Phase 1 reviews) and the exchange of information in practice (Phase 2). The EOI Portal will track the development of these peer reviews, including changes that jurisdictions make in response to the Global Forum's recommendations.







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#### MOVING TOWARDS A MORE TRANSPARENT TAX WORLD

### A PROGRESS REPORT TO G20 LEADERS BY THE GLOBAL FORUM ON TRANSPARENCY AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION FOR TAX PURPOSES<sup>3</sup>



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The Role of the Global Forum

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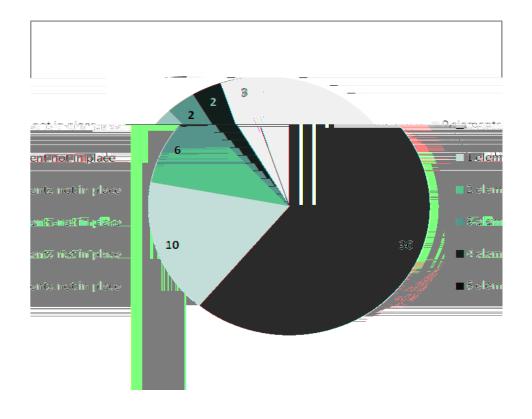
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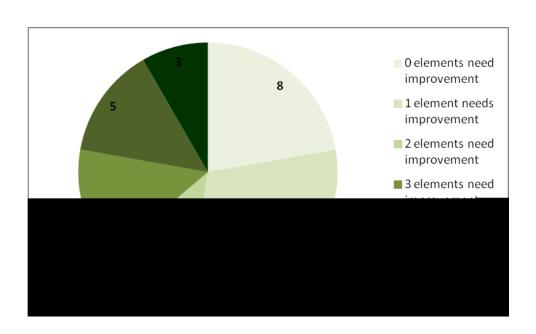
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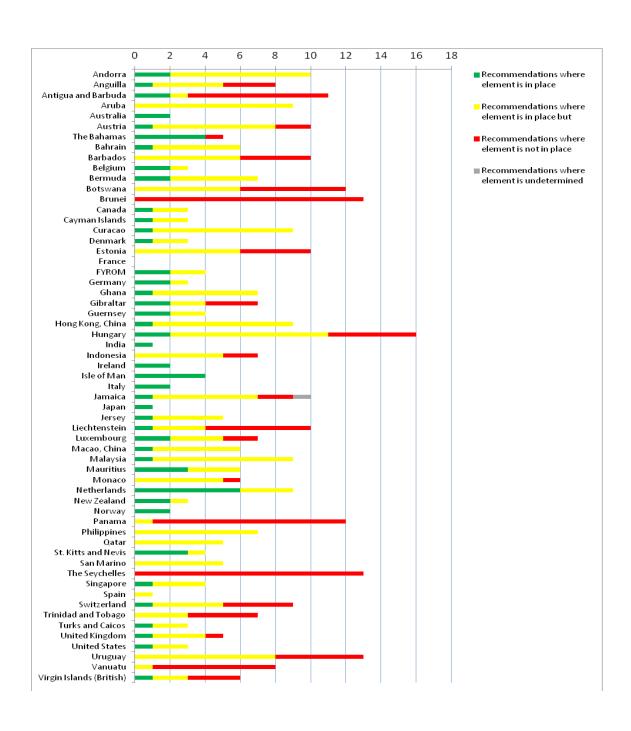
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#### Outcomes for the Phase 1 reviews the deficiencies to be addressed

#### Recommendations per jurisdiction



Common trends on the legal and regulatory framework

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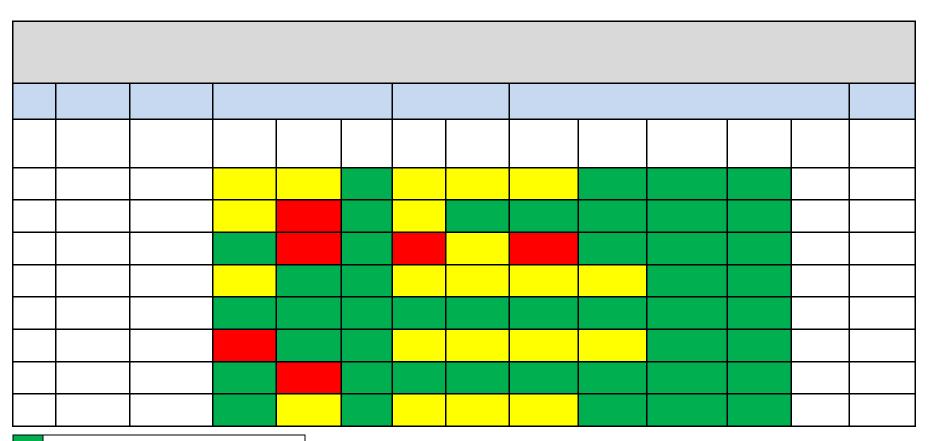


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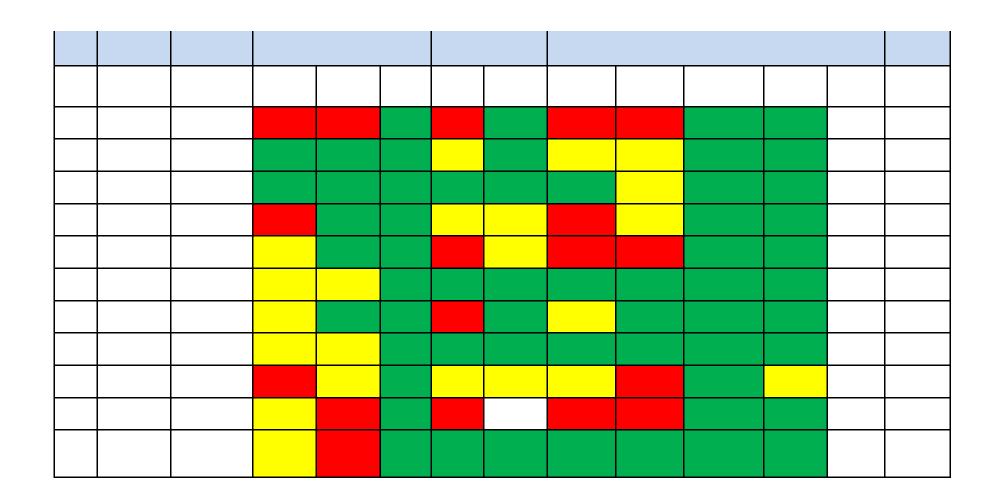
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Supporting the work of the Global Forum: Training and Outreach





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ANGUILLA	KENYA
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	KOREA
ARGENTINA	LIBERIA
ARUBA	LIECHTENSTEIN
AUSTRALIA	LUXEMBOURG
AUSTRIA	MACAO, CHINA
THE BAHAMAS	MALAYSIA
BAHRAIN	MALTA
BARBADOS	MARSHALL ISLANDS
BELGIUM	MAURITANIA
BELIZE	MAURITIUS
BERMUDA	MEXICO
BOTSWANA	MONACO
BRAZIL	MONTSERRAT
BRUNEI	MOROCCO
CANADA	NAURU
CAYMAN ISLANDS	NETHERLANDS
CHILE	NEW ZEALAND
CHINA	NIGERIA
COLOMBIA	NIUE
COOK ISLANDS	NORWAY
COSTA RICA	PANAMA

CYPRUS <sup>10</sup>	POLAND
CZECH REPUBLIC	PORTUGAL
DENMARK	QATAR
DOMINICA	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
EL SALVADOR	SAMOA
ESTONIA	SAN MARINO
EUROPEAN UNION	SAUDI ARABIA
FINLAND	SEYCHELLES
FRANCE	SINGAPORE
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	SLOVAK REPUBLIC
GEORGIA	SLOVENIA
GERMANY	SOUTH AFRICA
GHANA	SPAIN
GIBRALTAR	ST. KITTS AND NEVIS
GREECE	ST. LUCIA
GRENADA	ST. MAARTEN
GUATEMALA	ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
GUERNSEY	SWEDEN
HONG KONG, CHINA	SWITZERLAND

HUNGARY	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
ICELAND	TURKEY
INDIA	TURKS AND CAICOS
INDONESIA	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
IRELAND	UNITED KINGDOM
ISLE OF MAN	UNITED STATES
ISRAEL	URUGUAY
ITALY	VANUATU
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## Box 1. THE 10 ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION FOR TAX PURPOSES

#### A AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

- **A.1.** Jurisdictions should ensure that ownership and identity information for all relevant entities and arrangements is available to their competent authorities.
- **A.2.** Jurisdictions should ensure that reliable accounting records are kept for all relevant entities and arrangements.
  - A.3. Banking information should be available for all account-holders.

#### **B ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

- **B.1.** Competent authorities should have the power to obtain and provide information that is the subject of a request under an EOI agreement from any person within their territorial jurisdiction who is in possession or control of such information.
- **B.2.** The rights and safeguards that apply to persons in the requested jurisdiction should be compatible with effective exchange of information.

#### C EXCHANGING INFORMATION

**C.1.** EOI mechanisms should provide for effective exchange of information.

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provisions to ensure the confidentiality of information received.

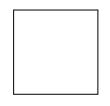
- **C.4.** The exchange of information mechanisms should respect the rights and safeguards of taxpayers and third parties.
- **C.5.** The jurisdiction should provide information under its network of agreements in a timely manner.

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Barbados	Denmark	France	Estonia	Antigua and Barbuda	Brazil	China	Czech Republic
Bermuda	Germany	Isle of Man	Guernsey	Turks and Caicos	Brunei	Costa Rica	Grenada
Botswana	India	Italy	Hungary	Austria	Hong Kong, China	Cyprus	

Samoa	Turkey	Belgium	British Virgin Islands	Bahrain	Malaysia	Anguilla	Andorra	Belize	Czech Republic
Argentina	Portugal	Bermuda	Austria	Estonia	Samoa	Antigua and Barbuda	Botswana	Dominica	Gibraltar
Belize	Finland	Cayman Islands	Hong Kong, China	Jamaica	Slovak Republic	Chile	Ghana	Marshall Islands	Hungary
Dominica	Sweden	Cyprus	India	Philippines	Slovenia	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Grenada	Nauru	Curaçao
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# PART III. REPORT TO THE G20: WORKING WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES



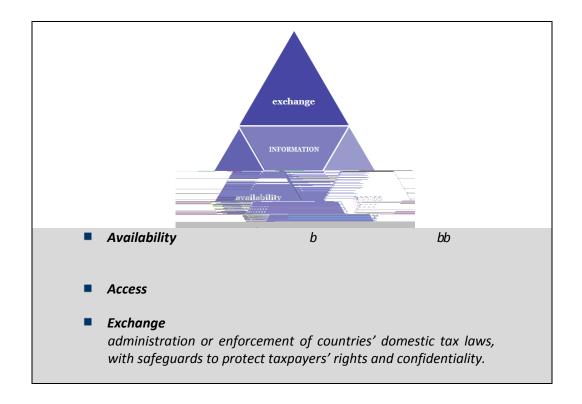
### REPORT OF THE GLOBAL FORUM TO THE G20



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What can the Global Forum do for developing countries?

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External tax evasion may be only one aspect of the erosion of tax bases

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Example of countries having recently joined the Global Forum
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A genuinely global instrument with all countries on an equal footing
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Levelling the playing field

Gathering all the players through a large observership

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I. Providing EOI instruments

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II. Transparency as a tool to counteract domestic tax base erosion

The combination of a late review and efficient technical assistance in the preparation of the review will allow developing countries to improve their legal and regulatory framework to enable information exchange (as a requested and a requesting party •

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## STATEMENT OF OUTCOMES: BERMUDA GLOBAL FORUM MEETING (31 MAY 1 JUNE 2011)

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Peer reviews and follow-up

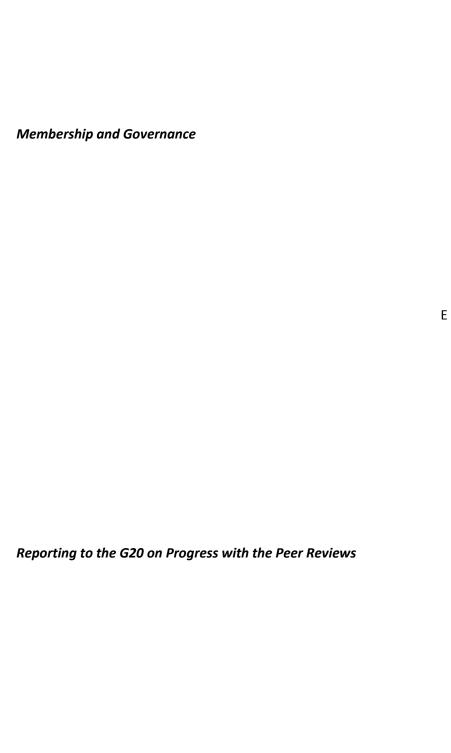
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## STATEMENT OF OUTCOMES: PARIS GLOBAL FORUM MEETING (25-26 OCTOBER 2011)



**Technical Assistance** 

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**Competent Authorities** 

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#### ANNEX 1: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AT GLOBAL FORUM MEETING

### ANNEX 2: PEER REVIEW REPORTS ADOPTED AND PUBLISHED

Jurisdiction	Type of review	Publication date
Andorra	Phase 1	12 September 2011
Anguilla	Phase 1	12 September 2011
Antigua and Barbuda	Phase 1	12 September 2011
Aruba	Phase 1	14 April 2011
Australia	Combined (Phase 1 and Phase 2)	28 January 2011
Austria	Phase 1	12 September 2011
The Bahamas	Phase 1	14 April 2011
Bahrain	Phase 1	12 September 2011
Barbados	Phase 1	28 January 2011
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Belgium	Supplementary	12 September 2011
Bermuda	Phase 1	30 September 2010
Botswana	Phase 1	30 September 2010
Brunei Darussalam	Phase 1	26 October 2011
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The Cayman Islands	Supplementary	12 September 2011
Curacao	Phase 1	12 September 2011
Denmark	Combined (Phase 1 and Phase 2)	28 January 2011
Estonia	Phase 1	14 April 2011
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Phase 1	26 October 2011
France	Combined (Phase 1 and Phase 2)	1 June 2011
Germany	Combined (Phase 1 and Phase 2)	14 April 2011

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Ghana	Phase 1	14 April 2011	
Gibraltar	Phase 1	26 October 2011	
Guernsey	Phase 1	28 January 2011	
Hong Kong, China	Phase 1	26 October 2011	
Hungary	Phase 1	1 June 2011	
India	Phase 1	30 September 2010	
Indonesia	Phase 1	26 October 2011	
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The Isle of Man	Combined (Phase 1 and Phase 2)	1 June 2011	
Italy	Combined (Phase 1 and Phase 2)	1 June 2011	
Jamaica	Phase 1	30 September 2010	
Japan	Combined (Phase 1 and Phase 2)	26 October 2011	
Jersey	Combined (Phase 1 and Phase 2)	26 October 2011	
Liechtenstein	Phase 1	12 September 2011	
Luxembourg	Phase 1	12 September 2011	
Macao, China	Phase 1	26 October 2011	
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Saint Kitts and Nevis	Phase 1	12 September 2011	
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The Seychelles	Phase 1	28 January 2011	
Singapore	Phase 1	1 June 2011	
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Switzerland	Phase 1	1 June 2011	
Trinidad and Tobago	Phase 1	28 January 2011	
The Turks and Caicos Islands	Phase 1	12 September 2011	
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