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**Question for written answer E-002857/25
to the Council
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Subject: Council position on the Sevilla Platform for Action and related initiatives

In the context of the recent Sevilla Platform for Action (SPA), which was presented at the United Nations' fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, Brazil and Spain have proposed a project to establish an effective system of international tax cooperation. The project aims to enable the effective taxation of high-net-worth individuals by improving information sharing and establishing a global wealth registry. Notably, South Africa has recently joined this platform.

Given the significant implications that this and similar initiatives have for advancing redistributive justice:

1. Is this initiative supported by the Council and the Member States?
2. What specific measures inspired by the SPA or related initiatives are currently being debated (or have been debated this year) by the Council?
3. What concrete steps is the Council planning to take to promote international tax cooperation in this context?

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**Reply
(8 July 2026)**

In its conclusions of 26 May 2025 ahead of the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, the Council reiterated the importance of mobilising private finance towards sustainable development, including by leveraging domestic, bilateral, triangular and multilateral public resources to achieve scale and impact.

It underlined the need to ensure that financing is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals and contributes effectively to resilience, inclusiveness and environmental sustainability.

Furthermore, it reaffirmed its support for development effectiveness, including the principles of country ownership, leadership and accountability, and its support for a strengthened international development cooperation architecture that will accelerate financing for sustainable development. The European Union endorsed the Seville Declaration on Domestic Revenue Mobilisation at the 4th Financing for Development Conference.

The Council promotes international tax cooperation through its work on combating tax evasion and avoidance, advancing transparency, and supporting global efforts for fair and effective taxation.
