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Group of 78 Luncheon Speaker Series

John Christensen

Co-founder and Director of the International Secretariat of the Tax Justice Network

Tax: The Forgotten Element of Development

DATE: Tuesday May 28, 2013

TIME: 12:00 noon *

***Please note that lunch will start at noon sharp**

PLACE: Palais Imperial Restaurant, 311- 313 Dalhousie St., Ottawa

COST: \$30 for luncheon and presentation

\$5 for presentation only

(For presentation only, please plan to arrive by 12:45 p.m. Coffee and tea will be available.)

RESERVATIONS: group78@web.net or 613-230-0860 by Friday May 24, 2013.

We regret that late registrations cannot be accepted.

The group is required to pay for those who reserve but do not come.

Therefore, individuals who do not cancel their reservations at least 24 hours before the luncheon will be billed \$30.

John Christensen is the co-founder and Director of the International Secretariat of the Tax Justice Network (TJN) based in the United Kingdom. TJN coordinates and supports international research initiatives on tax policy, capital flight, and the enabling role that secrecy jurisdictions play in the loss of resources from developing countries. TJN has been called one of the world's most effective civil society organizations working on international financial issues.

Mr. Christensen will speak about current debates in Europe, the G8 and the OECD with respect to international tax policy. He will also provide an overview of the massive damages to the economies of developing countries due to the offshore financial system. TJN believes that developing countries must their replace dependency on foreign aid by mobilizing their own domestic resources for development.

Trained as an auditor and economist, John has worked in several of the world's poorer countries. For eleven years he was economic adviser to the government of the Channel Island of Jersey which gives him an insider's perspective of how the secretive offshore financial system works.

John has published widely on the fault-lines in the global financial system, including "Tax us if You Can" (2005) and "Closing the Floodgates" (2007). His article, "The Hidden Trillions: Secrecy corruption and the offshore interface" was published last year in Crime, Law and Social Change