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By Porus Kaka, President IFA

It is with great pride that I welcome the delegates and Taxsutra readers to the 71st IFA Congress that opens in Rio on 27th August, 2017. With around 1500 participants expected, Rio will have perhaps the largest International Tax gathering in its history.

The main subjects for the first time in IFA's history will focus on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS). The Plenary subjects International BEPS and Practical Consequences in Domestic and Multilateral Laws and the Future of Transfer Pricing, are going to be keenly awaited main subjects for discussion. As we cross into the implementation stage for BEPS work by the OECD and as countries seek to implement Tax policies both unilateral and multi-lateral on BEPS the discussion on practical consequences of BEPS regime could not have come at a more timely moment. Not to be left behind, are many interesting seminars from Fragmentation of Contracts and Taxation, Automatic Exchange of Information: a New Standard?, Cost Sharing and Cost Contribution arrangements, Advance Pricing Agreements and International Tax Impacts, etc. All these are burning issues in International Tax law at this moment.

Also our Plenary seminars with leading members of the OECD, will bring us up-to-date the BEPS work currently underway. The Recent Developments Seminar will cover many up to date issues including the leading recent case laws. Thus, the scientific part at Rio will be of interest to Corporates, Tax practitioners, Government officials, Judges, Academicians and professionals.

On the social side, from the Grand Opening Ceremony to the Cultural evenings at the Museum of Tomorrow and the spectacular natural landmark of Pao de Acucar (SugarLoaf), to the Gala dinner at the Windsor Convention & Expo Center, the Organisers promise a delectable fare of Brazilian cuisine, and hospitality.

I am sure the 71st Congress of IFA at Rio will continue to meet the high parameters, standards and expectations of an IFA Annual Congress.

With kind regards,



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