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ARTICLE – 10 Anti-abuse Rule for Permanent Establishments Situated in Third Jurisdictions

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Triangular cases



Companies evade tax in different countries by using triangular abuse as follows:

In country of resident

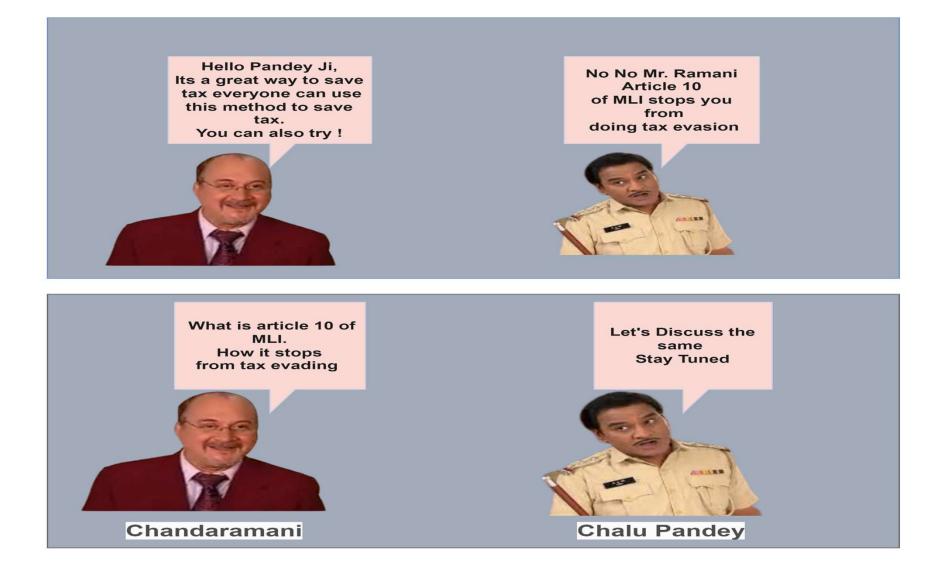
Exemption of the income from tax in the state of residence on account of tax treaty benefits between country of residence and PE country.

In Country of Source

No tax in source country, because the income is now effectively connected with or attributable to the PE situated in third party country, as the assets have been transferred there

In Country of PE:

No tax in the country of the PE (third-party country), since it is a low/NIL. tax jurisdiction



Anti-abuse Rules for PE's in third Jurisdiction

Paragraph 1 of Article 10 provides that, where an enterprise or Jurisdiction (Country of Residence) derives income from the other jurisdiction (Country of Source) **and**

Such income is treated as income attributable to a PE in a Third State (third jurisdiction) and such income is exempt from Tax in the country of residence, **then**

Tax treaty benefit shall not apply if the tax payable on the Attributable income in the Third state is less than 60% of the Tax would have been charged on same income in residence state.

In such a case, any income to which this provision apply shall remain taxable according to the domestic law of the country of source, notwithstanding any other provision of CTA.

Article 10(3)

<u>Article</u> <u>10(2)</u>

Incomes excluded

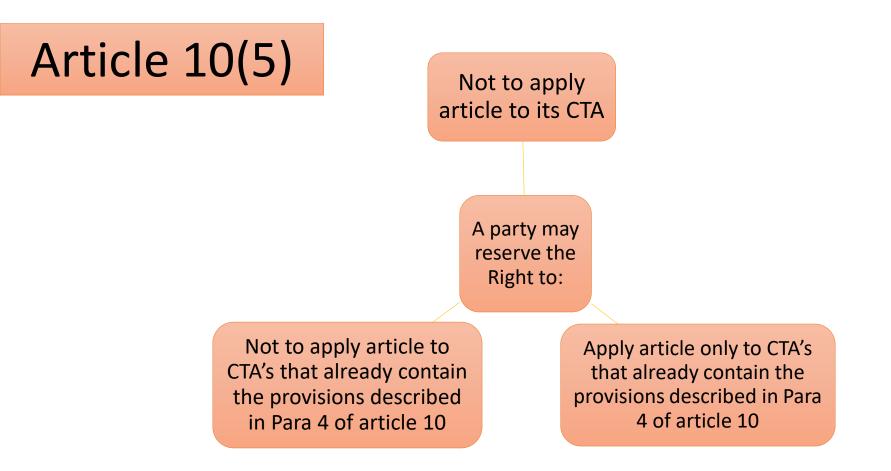
The **provision shall not apply** if the income derived from the Country of source is derived in connection with or is incidental to the active conduct of a business carried on through the third jurisdiction PE.

Right of Authorities

- If benefits of CTA denied on the basis of Para 1, then the competent authority of country of source may grant the benefits on request of person in country of residence.
- The competent authority of country of source shall consult with competent authority of country of residence before granting or denying the request.

Para 4 states that if a party opts for article 10, then such article will apply in place of already existing provisions of tax treaties or will be added in absence of such provisions in a tax treaties.

<u>Article</u> 10(4)



India's Position: India has not made any reservation / notifications as to the anti-abuse rule for Triangular PE cases, Article 10 of the MLI will be incorporated in the Indian tax treaties wherever the treaty partner has not made any such reservation / notifications.

Some examples of Impact on India's treaties

Sr	Countrie s	Existing DTAA	Options, Reservations and Notification by the Country	Impact on India's CTA with theCountry
1	Cyprus	No existing provisions	Reserved the right under 5(a) for entirety of Article 10 to not to apply to its CTA	Article 10 would not apply
2	Singapor e	No existing provisions	Reserved the right under 5(a) for entirety of Article 10 to not to apply to its CTA	Article 10 would not apply
3	UK	No existing provisions	Reserved the right under 5(a) for entirety of Article 10 to not to apply to its CTA	Article 10 would not apply
4	Netherla nds	No existing provisions	Netherlands is silent on the applicability of this Article	India is silent on applicability of this Article. Thus, paragraph 1 to 3 of Article 10 will apply to CTA to the extent of incompatibility since it is "in place of" or "in absence of" criteria Article.
5	Japan	No existing provisions	Japan is silent on the applicability of this Article.	India is silent on applicability of this Article. Thus, paragraph 1 to 3 of Article 10 will apply to CTA to the extent of incompatibility since it is "in place of" or "in absence of" criteria Article.

Documents can be referred for Interpretation of MLI

Basic Documents:

- BEPS Action Plan 15
- Explanatory Statement to MLI
- MLI Positions adopted and deposited by Various MLI signatories with OECD
- Report on BEPS Action Plan 2,6,7,14
- Existing tax treaty
- OECD Model Convention of Tax treaty and OECD Commentaries
- Synthesized text of MLI between parties to CTA

Other Documents available on OECD website:

- List of Signatories and parties to MLI
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on MLI
- Flow chart on matching of reservations and notifications of MLI
- Legal note on functioning on MLI under public international law
- Step by step on applying the MLI
- MLI Matching Database

Link of OECD Website: https://www.oecd.org/

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