



# Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement Between India And UAE: An Overview And Analysis

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## ABSTRACT

The Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), which was established in 1992, is to promote tax advantages for both countries and foster trade connections. This agreement aims to mitigate the issue of double taxation on income generated by enterprises and individuals in both countries. Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAA) are international treaties designed to prevent the imposition of duplicate taxes on income, wealth, and surtaxes levied on businesses, specifically those entities that are liable to be taxed in India. In the context of taxation, individuals who possess a permanent establishment in either India or the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are subjected to equivalent tax treatment. The agreement outlines the specific provisions on the taxation of individual income. Income from employment in a foreign country is subject to taxation in that country, unless the individual meets two conditions: (1) rendering services in the first country for at least 183 days per year, and (2) being a resident of the other country. The user's text is already academic. As per the tax treaty established between the United Arab Emirates and India, the taxation of local profits and individual incomes, encompassing salaries, pensions, and director's costs, is contingent upon the jurisdiction where the commercial transaction occurred. The regulations pertaining to interests, royalties, and dividends are determined by the provisions outlined in the double tax treaty existing between the United Arab Emirates and India. The agreement serves to facilitate tax relief, mitigate instances of double taxation, and foster collaboration and openness through its comprehensive provisions. The Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA), which was established between the Republic of India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), serves as a crucial catalyst in fostering economic collaboration, facilitating trade, and encouraging investment between these two nations.

## INTRODUCTION

Double taxation refers to the imposition of multiple taxes on the same type of income, resource, financial transactions, and other comparable entities. This refers to the imposition of taxes by two countries on comparable sources of income, resources, or transactions, such as income earned by a resident of one country and received by a resident of another country. Tax agreements between nations often serve to mitigate the issue of double taxation. Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs) are bilateral agreements established between two independent and sovereign nations. Drafting a model convention that promotes the establishment of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs) between two sovereign nations was of utmost importance. The League of Nations commenced its efforts in 1921 with the objective of establishing a framework for international cooperation. In 1928, it successfully formulated the inaugural Model Bilateral Convention.

between the source country and the country of home, and obviously the home-grown rule that everyone must follow. Here "the country of residence" means where the assessee resides and the source country is any

<sup>1</sup> The Law of Double Taxation Agreements in India by B.K. Mukherji

foreign country other than where he resides, but the assessee earn some income from that foreign state. In that case if the two countries does not sign any DTAA then the assess has to pay tax in both the state i.e. the country of his residence as well as the source country, this is why double taxation avoidance is so much important.

DTAAs between various countries have different treatment for comparable income.

### **They are of two types:**

- **Comprehensive**
- **Limited**

Comprehensive Double Taxation Agreements accommodate taxes on capital gains, incomes and other capital, while Limited Double Taxation Agreements allude to income from air baggage and delivery services, or domains, inheritance, successions and gifts. To make sure the individual is dealt with fairly in both countries; Comprehensive DTAA's play an important role.

The principle object of a DTAA is to inculcate the tax claims of administrations, both authentically keen on taxing a specific kind of revenue either by relegating to one of the two the entire case or, in all likelihood by recommending the premise on which tax claims is to be divided among them.

The OECD in the 'Model Tax Convention on Income and on Capital' has summed up the need of DTAA's in the accompanying words:

"It is desirable to explain, normalize, and affirm what is going on regarding the taxpayer who is locked in, modern, financial, or some other exercises in different countries through the application by all countries of normal answers for indistinguishable instances of double taxation."

A DTAA deals with both the incomes generated through immovable and movable property as well as the overall business income.

### **HISTORY OF DTAA**

The first Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) was established in 1899, marking the commencement of a bilateral agreement between Prussia and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The issue of double taxation initially arose during the 13th century between France and Italy, wherein a scenario emerged where a property subject to taxation was located within one state, but its ownership belonged to a resident of the other state. In the context of India, a significant measure to address the issue of double taxation was initiated in 1939 with the establishment of the Income-tax (Double Taxation Relief) (Indian States) Rules. Given the nature of agreements between two contracting states, it has been determined that the development of a Model Agreement would be advantageous. This Model Agreement would serve as a framework for deliberations between two governments considering the establishment of a Double Tax Avoidance Agreement. In 1928, the League of Nations was responsible for the development of the initial Model Bilateral Convention. Subsequently, the Model Convention of Mexico (1943) and the London Model Convention (1946) were implemented. In 1956, the Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (later known as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development or OECD) established a fiscal committee with the purpose of developing a Model Convention. The initial iteration of the Double Taxation Convention on income and capital was formulated in 1963. The 1977 OECD Model Convention and Commentaries were subsequently established as a result of this development. The 1992 Model Convention was issued by the OECD in a loose leaf format to permit updates, based on the suggestion of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs. The current iteration of the Model Convention and Commentaries has been revised and reflects the most recent updates as of January 2003. The OECD Model Convention is frequently utilised as a reference for interpreting agreements between non-member nations, despite its primary intended use for OECD member countries. The UN Model Convention, like the OECD<sup>2</sup> Model, was established through a resolution adopted by the ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) in August 1967. It was subsequently published in 1980 as the Model Double Taxation Convention between developed and developing countries. This convention is generally perceived as more advantageous for developing countries due to its stronger emphasis on the source State's authority to tax transactions with international implications.

### **DTAA BETWEEN INDIA AND UAE:**

The DTAA between India and the UAE was signed on April 11, 1993, and came into effect on November 22, 1994. The agreement is comprehensive and covers all major types of income. It also includes provisions for the exchange of information and mutual assistance in tax administration.

The India-UAE DTAA has played an important role in promoting economic cooperation and trade between the two countries. It has also helped to attract foreign investment to both India and the UAE. The India-UAE DTAA is a well-drafted and comprehensive agreement. It provides a number of benefits for both individuals and companies operating in both countries. However, there are a few areas where the agreement could be improved.

<sup>2</sup> OECD Guidelines on Tax Treaties

One area for improvement is the provision on permanent establishment (PE). Under the current DTAA, a PE is defined more broadly than under the OECD Model Tax Convention. This could lead to Indian businesses being taxed in the UAE even if they do not have a significant physical presence in the country.

Another area for improvement is the provision on capital gains. Under the current DTAA, capital gains on the sale of shares in a company are taxed in the country where the company is resident. This could lead to Indian residents being taxed on capital gains from the sale of shares in UAE companies, even if those shares are not traded on an Indian stock exchange.

Overall, the India-UAE DTAA is a positive development for businesses and individuals operating in both countries. It provides a number of benefits and helps to reduce the overall tax burden. However, there are a few areas where the agreement could be improved.

### **Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement: Indian Approach**

The Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs) refer to the treaties established between two independent nations, or between two countries where one or both may not be recognised as fully sovereign entities according to legal definitions. Chapter IX of the Income Tax Act, 1961 encompasses specific measures aimed at granting relief from the issue of double taxation upon taxpayers. India has established extensive Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAA) with a total of 79 nations.<sup>3</sup>

These agreements facilitate the alleviation of double taxation on incomes by the provision of exemptions and tax credits for taxes paid in either of the countries involved. The treaties in question are founded upon the overarching principles delineated in the model draught of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), with appropriate adjustments made in accordance with the consensus reached by the remaining contracting nations. The tax rates applicable in countries with which India has entered into double taxation avoidance agreements are set by the provisions outlined in these agreements.

Various methods have been devised to mitigate or eliminate the issue of double taxation, which arises due to the diverse nature of revenue sources. Certain types of income, such as interest income, may be subject to taxation in many states. The prevailing principle dictates that the state in which the taxpayer resides possesses the authority to impose taxes. However, the state from which the income originates also retains the ability to impose taxes, albeit limited to a maximum permitted rate. A Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) can successfully facilitate the avoidance of tax or give relief against double taxation through the provision of a credit granted by the tax-resident state for taxes paid in the source state. Tax avoidance agreements can be limited to specific categories of revenue, such as aviation income, or they might be comprehensive in nature, encompassing several or all sorts of income. In each instance of a collaboration agreement, it is necessary to consider the tax laws of both countries involved due to the cross-border nature of the transactions. This consideration is crucial in determining the effect of tax imposition in one country on the tax liability in the other country, specifically regarding income, profits, or gains. The concept of double taxation relief holds great importance within the realm of effective tax planning concerning collaborative arrangements and agreements. Failing to ensure that the same income is not subjected to tax in multiple countries can place taxpayers at a significant disadvantage.

Moreover, it is common for tax rules in many developing nations to undergo significant revisions, posing challenges for taxpayers to adjust their collaboration agreements to align with the updated fiscal regulations. The occurrence of retrospective modifications is an inescapable phenomenon encountered by taxpayers. Such amendments to tax laws impose a significant burden on taxpayers, placing them at a substantial disadvantage and rendering it impractical for them to rectify the situation.

The Indian constitution has granted the State the jurisdiction to impose taxes and ensure their collection and recovery. This power is outlined in Article 265, which states that taxes can only be levied or collected in accordance with the law. Consequently, the Union of India possesses the authority to engage in treaties and agreements with foreign nations. Within this context, the Union of India's jurisdiction extends to the establishment of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements between India and several foreign countries. In the context of determining the tax responsibility of foreign collaborators, it is crucial to establish their residential status to accurately assess the taxable income that can be subject to taxation. Foreign collaborators typically refer to companies that are incorporated outside of India. As a result, they can be classified as non-residents according to the definition provided in section 6(3). This is because, in the case of foreign companies, the control and management of the company's affairs are not entirely located in India. The specific location where the business is conducted and transactions are carried out is not relevant for this determination.

<sup>3</sup> INDIA'S DOUBLE TAXATION AVOIDANCE AGREEMENT, available at [http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/publications/6\\_Advance\\_Rulings/Chapter07.asp](http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/publications/6_Advance_Rulings/Chapter07.asp)

### **Significance Of DTAA between India and UAE<sup>4</sup>**

The primary objectives of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between the two nations encompass the facilitation of developmental goals and the prevention of dual taxation. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) considers this agreement as crucial in safeguarding investments from various non-commercial dangers, including expropriation, freezing, nationalisation, and sequestration. Furthermore, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) also endeavours to attain expeditious and equitable reparation for investors in instances of expropriation of their investments for the public interest, devoid of any form of discrimination.

From the perspective of India, the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has facilitated the enhancement of foreign investment opportunities and contributed to the advancement of the country's economic growth. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) holds a significant position as a key commercial ally of India, with the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) facilitating streamlined investment opportunities for UAE firms within India. As a consequence, there was a notable surge in investment, technology transfer, and job generation within the Indian context.

### **ANALYSIS OF INDIA-UAE DTAA PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT (ARTICLE 5)**

A permanent establishment, as defined in Article 5 of the India-UAE treaty on trade and investment, is an established place of business through which an enterprise of one nation conducts its business, either entirely or partially

The term permanent establishment includes following:

- i) A place of management;
- ii) A branch;
- iii) An office;
- iv) A factory;
- v) A workshop;
- vi) A mine, an oil or gas well, a quarry or any other place of extraction of natural Resources;
- vii) A farm or plantation;
- viii) [Construction PE] A construction site, a project to build or put something together, or activities related to supervising those activities, but only if they last for more than 9 months;
- ix) [Service PE] The provision of services, such as consulting services, by a business in one country through employees or other personnel in another country, as long as these activities continue for more than nine months in a twelve-month period for the same project or a project related to it.
- x) A UAE company is not considered to have a permanent establishment in India just because it does business there through a broker, general commission agent, or any other independent agent, as long as they are doing so in the normal course of their business. But if that agent's work is entirely or mostly for that business, then he is not an independent agent as defined in this line.
- xi) A person in India working for a UAE company will be considered a PE of that company if, among other things, they have the power to sign contracts on behalf of the company and don't just buy things for the company;

### **DIVIDEND TAXATION (ARTICLE 10)**

The taxation of dividends distributed by a corporation domiciled in one Contracting State to an individual residing in another Contracting State is permissible in the latter Contracting State.

For example, the dividend distributed by a firm that is domiciled in the United Arab Emirates to an individual who is a resident of India may be subject to taxation in India.

Nevertheless, it is important to note that these dividends may be subject to taxation in the Contracting State where the recipient company is a resident, in compliance with the legislation of that particular State. However, it is worth mentioning that the tax imposed in such cases should not surpass 10% if the recipient qualifies as the beneficial owner of the profits.<sup>5</sup>

The term "dividends" in this Article pertains to earnings derived from ownership of shares or other rights that do not represent debts and have a stake in profits. Additionally, it includes income from other corporate rights that are subject to the same tax treatment as income from shares, as per the regulations of the State in which the distributing company is domiciled.

The aforementioned provisions will not be applicable if the beneficial owner, who is a resident of one Contracting State, conducts business activities in the other Contracting State, where the company distributing the dividends is located, through a permanent establishment. This permanent establishment must be engaged in providing independent personal services from a fixed base situated in the other State. Additionally, the

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<sup>4</sup> The India-UAE Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement: A Practical Guide by M.C. Chawla

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.indialawoffices.com/legal-articles/india-uae-dtaa>

ownership interest for which the dividends are being paid must be directly linked to this permanent establishment or fixed base. In the event of such circumstances, the relevant provisions of either Article 7 or Article 14 shall be applicable.

### **INTEREST TAXATION (Article 11)<sup>6</sup>**

According to Article-11, the term "Interest" as defined in this particular article encompasses various forms of income derived from debt-claims. These debt-claims can include those that are secured by a mortgage and those that grant the holder a right to share in the debtor's profits. Notably, this definition also encompasses income generated from Government securities, as well as income derived from bonds or debentures, including any associated premiums and prizes. The inclusion of late payment penalty costs in this Article shall not be considered as interest. The payment of interest originating in one Contracting State and received by a resident of the other Contracting State may be subject to taxation in the latter State. However, it is possible for this interest to be subject to taxation in the Contracting State where it is generated, in accordance with the legislation of that State. This is applicable only if the receiver is the rightful owner of the interest. The tax imposed shall not above or exceed Interests acquired in India by a resident of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are subject to taxation in India at the prescribed rates. Specifically, if the interest is paid on a loan provided by a legitimate banking institution or a comparable financial entity (such as an insurance company), it is taxable at a rate of 5% of the total interest amount.

In all other circumstances, a rate of 12.50% is applied to the gross amount of the interest.

### **ROYALTY TAXATION (ARTICLE 12)<sup>7</sup>**

The royalties that originate in one Contracting State and are disbursed to a resident of the other Contracting State are subject to taxation in the latter State. Nevertheless, it is important to note that these royalties may also be subject to taxation in the Contracting State where they are generated, in accordance with the laws of that particular State. However, if the recipient of the royalties is considered the beneficial owner, the imposed tax should not exceed 10% of the whole amount of the royalties.

For example, royalties originating in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and disbursed to an individual residing in India may be subject to taxation in India. However, these royalties may also be subject to taxation in the UAE, in accordance with UAE legislation. It is important to note that the tax imposed by the UAE on such royalties should not exceed 10% of the total amount of royalties received.

According to Article 12, the term "royalties" refers to any form of payment received in exchange for the utilisation or permission to utilise copyrighted literary, artistic, or scientific works. This includes cinematography films, as well as films or tapes used for radio or television broadcasting. Additionally, it encompasses payments for the use or permission to use patents, trademarks, designs, models, plans, secret formulas or processes, and industrial, commercial, or scientific equipment. Furthermore, it includes payments for information related to industrial, commercial, or scientific experience. However, it is important to note that royalties or other payments related to the operation of mines or quarries, or the exploitation of petroleum or other natural resources, are not considered within the scope of this definition.

In the context of India, royalties acquired by an individual who is a resident of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are liable to be taxed at a rate of 10% based on the entirety of the royalties' worth. Nevertheless, in the event that these services are provided via a permanent establishment, the permanent establishment would be subject to taxation based on the rates stipulated in the income tax statute, specifically amounting to 40%..

### **A summary of withholding tax rates is as follows:**

<b>Nature of income</b>	<b>Indian Income Tax Act</b>	<b>India-UAE DTAA *</b>
Dividend	20%	10%
Interest	20%	5%/12.50%
Royalty	20%	10%
Technical Services Fee	20%	Not covered under DTAA

<sup>6</sup> <https://incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Latest%20News/Attachments/335/Synthesized-text-India-UAE-DTAA.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <https://incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Latest%20News/Attachments/335/Synthesized-text-India-UAE-DTAA.pdf>



The rates specified in the Income Tax Act are subject to an applicable surcharge of 2% to 5% for corporations and 10% to 15% to 25% to 37% for individuals, in addition to a 4% cess.

(1) Dividends are subject to taxation on a total basis; the source country deducts the tax amount.

(2) Interest is additionally subject to gross-basis taxation, and the originating country withholds the tax.

#### **Exchange Of Information (Article 28)<sup>8</sup>**

1. The competent authorities of the Contracting States are required to exchange information that is reasonably relevant for the effective implementation of this Agreement or the enforcement of their respective tax legislations, provided that such taxes are in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

2. Information received by a Contracting State must be treated with confidentiality, in accordance with how domestic information is handled. This information is only disclosed to individuals or entities directly involved in tax assessment, collection, enforcement, legal proceedings, or oversight. Information may be disclosed in public court sessions or through judicial decisions.

3. These rules should not impose on a Contracting State the duty to:

(a) Take administrative actions that are contrary to their respective domestic laws and practises, as well as those of the other Contracting State.

(b) Provide information that is not available within their legal framework or recognised administrative norms.

(c) Confidentially disclose proprietary knowledge, business plans, or anything that is contrary to public interest.

4. If a Contracting State requests information under this Agreement, the other State must use its information-gathering processes to get the requested information, regardless of whether it is required for their own tax aims. Nonetheless, the aforementioned duty is subject to the limitations described in paragraph 3. However, it is critical to stress that these constraints should not be used to prevent the flow of information only on the basis of its perceived lack of domestic significance.

#### **Challenges and Limitations of India-UAE DTAA**

- While the India-UAE DTAA has facilitated cross-border trade, it is not without obstacles and constraints. The interpretation and implementation of the agreement is one of the most difficult difficulties. Differences in interpretation can lead to disagreements and disparities in the application of the laws.

- In addition, the danger of tax evasion and abuse should not be overlooked. Unscrupulous individuals or businesses may attempt to exploit gaps in the agreement in order to evade or decrease their tax payments. To counter this danger, the agreement incorporates stringent information exchange terms and anti-abuse safeguards to protect the tax system's integrity.

- The India-UAE DTAA includes dispute settlement procedures. While the agreement includes channels for addressing concerns between the tax agencies of both countries, challenges in practice may arise owing to differences in legal systems, administrative processes, or interpretations of the agreement.

- Permanent establishment (PE) definition: The PE concept in the India-UAE DTAA is broader than the OECD Model Tax Convention. This might lead to UAE businesses being taxed in India despite having no major physical presence there.

- Capital gains taxation: Under the current DTAA, capital gains on the sale of a company's shares are taxed in the country where the company is formed. This could mean that Indian residents must pay capital gains tax on the sale of shares in UAE companies, even if the shares are not traded on an Indian stock exchange.

- Information exchange: The DTAA might be strengthened by more specific rules governing information exchange between the two tax authorities. This would help with tax compliance and preventing tax evasion.

- Mutual assistance in tax administration: More specific provisions on mutual assistance in tax administration could enhance the DTAA. This would help both countries enhance the efficiency of tax collection and enforcement.

- Arbitration clause: The DTAA could be enhanced by including an arbitration provision to resolve any difficulties that arise from the interpretation or application of the agreement. This would allow for more speedy and efficient conflict resolution.

#### **CASE LAWS<sup>9</sup>**

The matter under consideration in the legal case **Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, Mumbai v. Department of Income Tax**<sup>10</sup> concerned the tax consequences associated with the compensation received by an international financial institution operating in India. Regarding the fees generated by the Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank (ADCB) from its operations in India, the central issue was whether the bank should be subject to taxation in India in accordance with the stipulations of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The Income Tax Department argued that the

<sup>8</sup> <https://incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Latest%20News/Attachments/335/Synthesized-text-India-UAE-DTAA.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.indialawoffices.com/legal-articles/india-uae-dtaa>

<sup>10</sup> Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank Ltd, ... vs Department Of Income Tax, 29 April 2016

expenses mentioned above were liable for taxation in India due to the alleged permanent establishment (PE) of ADCB within the nation. However, the ruling of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) favoured ADCB, concluding that the bank failed to meet the requirements of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by failing to maintain a Permanent Establishment (PE) in India. The ITAT's rationale was predicated on the notion that the bank's services were supplementary or preparatory in nature and did not significantly contribute to the bank's revenue. The determination was informed by a prior conclusion reached in **the Morgan Stanley v. DCIT** case. This decision defined the standard by which "preparatory or auxiliary" operations ought not to be regarded as Permanent Establishments (PEs) for the purposes of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between India and the United States. Consequently, the legal precedent set by the Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank case establishes a fundamental principle regarding the tax treatment of fees acquired by foreign banks in India.

**Assessee v. Dr. Rajnikant Bhatt**<sup>11</sup> revolved around the crucial matter of construing Article 12 of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA), which pertained specifically to "Royalties and Fees for Technical Services." Given the information provided in the article, it is apparent that remuneration provided by an individual residing in one country (specifically, India) to a resident of another country (the United Arab Emirates) in exchange for technical services may potentially incur taxation in both countries, provided that specific conditions are fulfilled. Dr. Rajnikant Bhatt, a United Arab Emirates-based inhabitant, received compensation for providing technical services to an Indian corporation. The Indian tax authorities argued that in accordance with the provisions of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA), these payments should be subject to taxation in India. Dr. Bhatt opined that the aforementioned payments were exempt from taxation in India on the grounds that they did not originate from a permanent establishment (PE) within the nation. Furthermore, he asserted that his services failed to satisfy the precise standards specified in the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) in order to qualify as "royalties" or "fees for technical services."

The Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) ruled in favour of Dr. Bhatt, emphasising that his rendered services failed to meet the requirements of "fees for technical services" as defined by the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA), due to the absence of specialised knowledge or skills required. Furthermore, the ITAT noted that Dr. Bhatt did not have a Permanent Establishment (PE) in India, given that he operated his business from the United Arab Emirates and lacked a permanent location within the country. As a result, the compensation that was paid to him was not subject to taxation in the Indian jurisdiction. The clarification provided by this ITAT decision regarding the taxation scope of "fees for technical services" under the India-UAE Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) is of considerable importance. Furthermore, it emphasises the significance of performing a comprehensive assessment of the specific conditions pertaining to each instance so as to determine the tax responsibilities linked to said payments.

### Conclusion

Finally, the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is an important legal framework that helps to facilitate international trade and investment between these two countries. This thorough examination and evaluation have highlighted key features of this agreement, providing insight into its significance and practical implications. The Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) aims to reduce the occurrence of double taxation on income while also developing a structured process for the exchange of tax-related information. This approach promotes transparency and makes it easier for tax authorities to collaborate<sup>12</sup>. The paper specifies detailed rules for the taxation of several types of income, including dividends, interest, royalties, and fees for technical services. These regulations help to establish a consistent and secure tax system, which is essential for facilitating international corporate transactions. Furthermore, examining specific cases, such as the Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank and Dr. Rajanikant Bhatt cases, demonstrates the importance of interpreting Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAA) in actual circumstances. These examples highlight the need of undertaking a thorough examination of the facts and gaining a thorough understanding of the regulations established in the treaty in order to properly determine tax liability. The importance of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) is highlighted in terms of preserving taxpayer interests and encouraging equal and uniform tax legislation enforcement.

DTAA agreements, like as the one created between India and the UAE, are critical in supporting economic growth, enabling international trade, and encouraging investment in today's globalised economy. Bilateral tax treaties not only reduce the problem of double taxation, but also promote the development of strong economic relations between countries. Furthermore, these agreements offer a systematic procedure for resolving

<sup>11</sup> Dr. Rajnikant R. Bhatt vs Commissioner Of Income-Tax 1996 222 ITR 562 AAR

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.mehntandmehta.com/post/an-analysis-of-double-taxation-avoidance-agreement-dtaa-between-india-and-uae-dubai#:~:text=However%2C%20the%20DTAA%20allows%20the,AED%2012%2C200%20in%20the%20UA>

E.&text=CASE%20LAWS-,1,a%20foreign%20bank%20in%20India.

disputes, ensuring taxpayers a fair and effective way to handle their tax-related issues. In essence, the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is critical in promoting economic linkages, removing tax barriers, and providing transparency to taxpayers and cross-border businesses. Individual cases are meticulously examined and explained to demonstrate the importance of giving fair and uniform tax treatment. The sustained importance of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAA) as critical mechanisms for encouraging economic collaboration and advancement among governments is necessitated by the ongoing evolution of international trade.