On 26 April 2017, the Trump Administration outlined a tax reform plan, that calls for a 15% business tax rate and a one-time tax on the repatriation of foreign earnings of US companies at an unspecified rate, which Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said would be negotiated with Congress, along with other details.

The Administration for the first time called for a switch to a territorial system of taxing foreign earnings. Trump had called for a worldwide system and elimination of deferral in 2015, during the campaign, but had not addressed his preference on the issue for some time. Trump's plan, as outlined by Secretary Mnuchin and National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn during a press briefing, does not address the House border adjustability proposal.

For individuals, income tax rates would be set at 10%, 25%, and 35%; these differ from Trump's campaign proposal rates of 12%, 25%, and 33%, which were aligned with those in the House Blueprint on tax reform. The plan calls for the repeal of all deductions for individuals aside from the mortgage interest and charitable contribution deductions, and also calls for repeal of the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) and the estate tax. “We are going to eliminate, on the personal side, all tax deductions other than mortgage interest and charitable deductions. We think that will be sweeping reform,” Secretary Mnuchin said. The plan calls for doubling the standard deduction.
The top capital gains and dividends rate would remain at 20% and the 3.8% net investment income tax, enacted under the Affordable Care Act, would be repealed.

“Throughout the month of May, the Trump Administration will hold listening sessions with stakeholders to receive their input and will continue working with the House and Senate to develop the details of a plan that provides massive tax relief, creates jobs, and makes America more competitive – and can pass both chambers,” the Administration said in a document released during the briefing.

Following the Administration’s announcement, House Speaker Paul Ryan, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady, and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch issued a joint statement saying: “The principles outlined by the Trump Administration today will serve as critical guideposts for Congress and the Administration as we work together to overhaul the American tax system and ensure middle-class families and job creators are better positioned for the 21st century economy. Lower rates for individuals and families will allow them to keep more of their hard-earned money and empower them to invest more in their future. Getting tax rates down for American companies, big and small, will create new jobs and make the United States a more inviting place to do business. With an eye toward fairness and simplicity, we’re confident we can rebuild our tax code in a way that will grow our economy, better promote savings and investment, provide our job creators with a competitive advantage, and bring prosperity to all Americans.”

Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Ron Wyden issued a statement saying, “This is an unprincipled tax plan that will result in cuts for the one percent, conflicts for the President, crippling debt for America and crumbs for the working people. Instead of providing a real tax reform plan as promised, this administration is offering cakes to the fortunate few.”

At an event sponsored by The Hill newspaper, Secretary Mnuchin repeated that the Administration likes elements of the border adjustability proposal and dislikes others. He said the Administration told lawmakers they don’t think it works in its current form, but they hope to work with them on the issue. At a separate event, Speaker Ryan said he recognizes the border adjustability proposal must be modified to avoid disruptions, and that there is agreement with the White House on about 80% of tax reform.

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