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## **Puerto Rico Treasury Reports Net Revenues to the General Fund for January 2018**

San Juan, Puerto Rico (March XX, 2018) – Treasury Secretary Raúl Maldonado Gautier reported net revenues to the General Fund recorded for the month of January 2018 totaled \$584.6 million, a \$75.7 million year-over-year reduction and \$81.4 million below estimates.

The different categories showed mixed results. For example, the individual income tax category registered a year-over-year increase of \$34.4 million, and exceeded estimates by \$43.2 million. This increase is attributed in part to employer tax withholdings and the payment of the second installment of 2016 taxes which was due in October but was extended to January due to the passage of Hurricane María.

“The category that most affected General Fund net revenues in January, compared to the previous year, was the Sales and Use Tax (SUT), which is explained, first, by decreased total SUT revenues and, second, by the fact that the amount allocated to the General Fund was much lower this year. January 2018 collections totaled \$226.5 million, a \$34.5 million year-over-year decrease. However, the amounts for both periods are not totally comparable,” Maldonado Gautier, who is also the Chief Financial Officer of Government, explained.

Total SUT collections from sales in December, which is the month with the highest SUT receipts volume, were received in January 2017. However, this year, big taxpayers, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, had to pay the sales tax the same month the sales took place, on January 15 and 30. As a result of this, part of SUT collections from Christmas sales were received in December, rather than in January as was the case in 2017; therefore, January 2018 SUT receipts registered a year-over-year reduction.

\$98.7 million of SUT revenues were allocated to the General Fund in January 2018 compared to \$181.0 million in January 2017, an \$82.2 million decrease. This difference is due to the fact that, in January 2017, \$5.9 million of SUT revenues were allocated to COFINA compared to \$117.0 million in January of this year, which is explained in turn by the fact that total allocations to COFINA were completed during the first days of January 2017 whereas, this year, allocations to COFINA were

completed in February. In consequence, total fiscal year-to-date SUT revenues have decreased by \$165.7 million, or 10.9%, year-over-year.

Other tax categories, such as, motor vehicle excise tax receipts registered positive results. January 2018 receipts totaled \$40.9 million, a year-over-year increase of approximately \$6.3 million, or 18.2%.

Lastly, the Treasury Secretary stated that year-to-date net revenues to the General Fund totaled \$4,213.7 million, a year-over year decrease of approximately \$417.6 million, or 9.0%, and \$232.6 million, or 5.2%, below estimates for that period.

General Fund Net Revenues  
January  
(million of \$)

Items	January		Dif.	Forecast	Collections
	2016-17	2017-18		January	vs. Forecast
Gross total	700.3	622.6	(77.7)	704.0	(81.4)
Reserve for refund	(40.0)	(38.0)	2.0	(38.0)	-
Net total	660.3	584.6	(75.7)	666.0	(81.4)
Individuals	156.0	190.4	34.4	147.2	43.2
Corporations	62.3	64.0	1.7	58.7	5.3
Non-resident withholdings	84.5	75.3	(9.2)	80.3	(5.0)
Sales and use tax	181.0	98.7	(82.2)	153.5	(54.8)
Foreign (Act 154)	84.1	58.6	(25.5)	105.8	(47.2)
Alcoholic beverage	22.9	24.0	1.1	26.2	(2.2)
Tabacco products	8.8	4.9	(3.9)	18.5	(13.6)
Motor vehicles	34.6	40.9	6.3	29.8	11.1
Excises on off-shore shipment rum	2.4	7.4	4.9	19.3	(11.9)
Others	23.7	20.4	(3.3)	26.7	(6.3)

General Fund Net Revenues  
July - January  
(million of \$)

Items	July - January			Forecast	Collections
	2016-17	2017-18	Dif.	Jul - Jan	vs. Forecast
Gross total	4,911.3	4,479.7	(431.6)	4,712.3	(232.6)
Reserve for refund	(280.0)	(266.0)	14.0	(266.0)	-
Net total	4,631.3	4,213.7	(417.6)	4,446.3	(232.6)
Individuals	1,022.2	941.2	(81.0)	966.2	(25.0)
Corporations	763.1	722.3	(40.8)	723.0	(0.7)
Non-resident withholdings	317.2	324.6	7.4	301.5	23.1
Sales and use tax	719.9	588.1	(131.8)	668.1	(80.0)
Foreign (Act 154)	1,087.3	914.4	(173.0)	1,049.8	(135.4)
Alcoholic beverage	151.2	154.4	3.1	160.4	(6.0)
Tabacco products	66.5	93.7	27.2	90.7	3.0
Motor vehicles	193.1	197.2	4.0	166.5	30.7
Excises on off-shore shipment rum	134.4	151.0	16.5	120.3	30.7
Others	176.2	126.9	(49.3)	199.8	(72.9)