

Brussels, 15 September 2016

Dear President,

Thank you for your letter of 26 July 2016. Let me congratulate you first of all for your election as Chair of the Parliament's Committee of Inquiry into money laundering, tax avoidance and tax evasion (PANA Committee). You can count on me and my services' assistance and contribution for advancing and successfully concluding the work of the Committee.

I would like to assure you furthermore that the Commission services are working on your request for documents and on this occasion I would like to provide you with an update on the process.

As some of the documents requested are confidential (although not formally classified), we will have to agree on the arrangements, in line with the Framework Agreement between our institutions, under which this confidential information can be made available. I expect that the Commission will be able to send you a proposal for such arrangements already next week and I think we should be able to agree on this quite quickly.

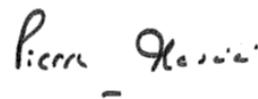
Secondly, as your Committee will work on a different legal basis than the TAXE and TAX2 Special Committees, the Commission is also obliged to contact the Member States again regarding the documents previously provided to those two special committees. We intend to do so in parallel with the finalisation of the above-mentioned arrangements for handling of confidential information and under a speedy procedure.

Third, we are preparing the technical means for providing documents to the PANA Committee during its whole mandate, such as setting up a restricted on-line platform (CIRCABC) for providing non-confidential documents. The aim is for this process to be as smooth and as efficient as possible on both sides.

If the above-mentioned steps can be implemented as planned, we envisage being able to provide you with the requested documents within a few weeks.

I hope for your understanding and look forward to our fruitful cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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