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Dear Chairs,

Thank you for your letter dated 21 December 2016, whereby you invite us for an exchange of views with the PANA and ECON committees to discuss the Presidency priorities and the state of play of discussions in Council on current and upcoming legislative proposals.

Following the previously established practice whereby Council Presidencies present their programmes in the competent committees of the European Parliament, the Maltese Minister will present the priorities of the Maltese Presidency at the ECON Committee meeting on 25 January. The presentation will cover current and upcoming legislative proposals, including the 4th Anti-Money Laundering Directive, as referred to in your letter. We hope that Members of the PANA committee may participate in this exchange of views, should they wish to do so.

We would like to recall that, as a matter of principle, Council Presidencies are not under the obligation to appear before committees of inquiry of the European Parliament set up in accordance with Article 226 TFEU, to discuss the Presidency programme or the state of legislative activity within the Council. In view of this, we are not in a position to attend the ECON/PANA meeting on 26 January

Yours sincerely,

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