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Dr Werner Langen
Chair of the Committee of Inquiry
into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion

Subject: Invitation for an exchange of views with PANA and ECON Committees

Dear Dr Langen *Werner*

I refer to your letter dated today 25th January.

I must say that the contents of your letter are somewhat surprising in view of the fact that your invitation was replied to through a letter co-signed by the Malta and Estonia Finance Ministers sent by email to you yesterday evening, the 24th January.

The message conveyed in the co-signed letter was explained earlier today during my introductory speech before the ECON committee.

My message was twofold. Firstly, that I will be following previously established practice whereby as President of ECOFIN, I will present the Presidency's programme to the European Parliament in the ECON Committee, followed by a meeting on the following day with the Standing Committee of the same ECON. I stated that I do not wish to depart from this established practice.

Secondly, I also stated that where it concerns the PANA enquiry committee, as Minister for Finance of Malta, I will be cooperating fully with the PANA committee and will be meeting it in Valletta in late February. I have also facilitated other meetings including one with the Malta Tax Compliance Unit. This information was also transmitted to you yesterday in separate emails sent to you by Ambassador Cyrus Engerer.

I hope that this matter is now resolved as per our recent personal conversation in the Parliament Building.

Yours sincerely

Edward Scicluna

Minister for Finance of the Republic of Malta

Cc: Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the European Council
Ambassador Bonnici, Chair of COREPER II, Council of the European Union
Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament