

Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion
The Chair

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Subject: PANA Public Hearing on “The role of lawyers, accountants and bankers in the Panama Papers”

Dear Dr Peters,

In my capacity as Chair of the Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion (PANA) of the European Parliament, I have the pleasure to invite you in your capacity as President of the Association of German Banks, or another high ranking member of the association, to participate in a hearing on “The role of lawyers, accountants and bankers in the Panama Papers”. This hearing will take place on Thursday 9 February 2017 from 09:00 - 12:30 in Parliament's premises in Brussels (room JAN 4Q1).

The purpose of this hearing is to get a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the intermediary professions (lawyers, accountants, bankers) that feature prominently in the Panama Papers revelations. In your case we would be interested to discuss client due diligence, suspicious transaction reporting and if and how the Panama Papers affected the practices of German banks and which lessons could be drawn for the future.

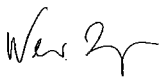
If you decide to accept our invitation, we would ask you to make an initial statement of maximum 7 minutes, followed by a session of questions and answers with our Members.

Should you need any additional information or should you have any queries on this hearing, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ron Korver (tel.: +32 2 28 44659, ron.korver@ep.europa.eu) for content-related questions or the Secretariat of the PANA Committee (pana-secretariat@ep.europa.eu).

I hope you will be in a position to accept this invitation. If the date turns out to be problematic, we are open to discuss alternative dates.

I look forward to welcoming you on 9 February.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Werner Langen