

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

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Subject: Invitation to the PANA Committee Hearing on 4 May 2017

Dear Minister,

As you will be aware, in 2016 the European Parliament has set up an Inquiry Committee on tax evasion, tax avoidance and money-laundering (PANA Committee) following the revelations known as the 'Panama Papers'. I have the honour to chair this Committee.

In the framework of its work, the PANA Committee is conducting a series of hearings, with representatives of EU institutions, EU Member States, business representatives, stakeholders, academia and key representatives from third countries. The aim of these hearings is to hold constructive and forward-looking dialogues with relevant key players on avenues to tackle effectively the topics of relevance to our committee.

The Members of our Committee have decided that they wish to invite you in your capacity as Finance Minister of Panama to one of our upcoming hearings, either in person or via videoconference.

I therefore hereby invite you to a PANA Committee hearing on 4 May 2017, from 15:00 - 18:30 in Parliament's premises in Brussels.

The purpose of this hearing is to learn about the follow-up the Republic of Panama has undertaken following the above-mentioned revelations, notably with regard to tax transparency and exchange of information in tax matters.

If the date is inconvenient for you, our services are open to discuss other options.

You would be invited to make an initial statement of maximum 7 minutes. After the opening statement there will be a session of questions and answers with the Committee Members.

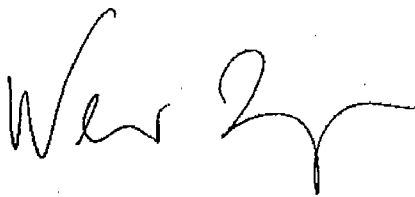
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Should you need any additional information or should you have any queries on this hearing, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Anje Bultena (tel.: +32 2 28 42532, anje.bultena@ep.europa.eu) for content-related questions or the Secretariat of the PANA Committee (pana-secretariat@ep.europa.eu).

I hope you will be in a position to accept this invitation and I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Werner Langen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Werner Langen

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S.E. Sr. Dario CHIRU

Ambassador of the Mission of the Republic of Panama to the European Union