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

Dear Mr. Schmid,

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 as a speaker in the hearing on “The role of lawyers, accountants and bankers in the Panama Papers (Part III)”. This hearing will take place on Monday 06 March 2017 from 15:00 - 18:30 in Parliament's premises in Brussels (room József Antall 2Q2).

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, especially in Switzerland and France.

We would appreciate an initial statement by you of a maximum of 7 minutes in which you could give your views on the Swiss practice. After the opening statements by the panellists there will be a session of questions and answers with the PANA 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 look forward to seeing you on 6 March 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Werner Langen