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Dear Honourable Member, *Jürgen Wern,*

I would like to thank for your invitation to attend a meeting of the European Parliament Inquiry Committee on tax evasion, tax avoidance and money-laundering.

As you know a deeper and fairer internal market is one of the top priorities of the Commission. Under my leadership, Commissioner Moscovici is putting in practice the principle according to which companies should pay their fair share of taxes in the countries where they make their profits.

In January 2016, we presented our anti-tax avoidance package which is now being discussed in the Council. We also came forward with proposals to oblige multinational companies to publish country-by-country reports on their profits and taxes. This has been repeatedly asked by the European Parliament and comes on top of the landmark agreement on the automatic exchanges between tax authorities of information on cross-border tax rulings, which Member States reached in seven months after the Commission presented the proposal. The Commission is using all the tools at its disposal, including in the field of competition policy, to fight tax avoidance in the European Union.

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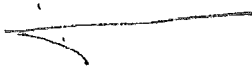
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I will be pleased to come to your Committee to present our actions on this very important topic for our citizens where the concerted action of the Commission and of the European Parliament is needed to convince Member States of the necessity of a fairer internal market. I would suggest that you contact Mr [REDACTED] (e-mail: [REDACTED]). Member of Cabinet, to arrange the modalities of such a visit.

My office will also get in contact with yours to find a suitable moment to meet in the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature consisting of a long horizontal line that curves downwards at the right end.