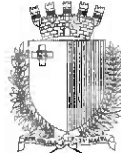


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Dr Werner Langen  
Chair of the PANA Committee  
European Parliament  
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Dear Dr Langen,

Please find enclosed a letter by the Deputy Prime Minister of Malta and Minister for European Affairs and the Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto, Mr Louis Grech addressed to your good self.

Deputy Prime Minister Grech is replying to your letter dated 29 November 2016 addressed to the Slovak Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Miroslav Lajčák.

Yours Sincerely,

Marlene Bonnici  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Malta to the EU

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Dr. Werner Langen



DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER  
AUBERGE D'ARAGON, INDEPENDENCE SQUARE, VALLETTA, MALTA

1st March 2017

Dr Werner Langen  
Chair of the Committee of Inquiring into Money Laundering  
Tax avoidance and Tax evasion (PANA)  
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Dear Chair,

Thank you for your letter, addressed to Mr Lajčák and dated 29 November 2016, whereby you request access to a number of documents pursuant to Article 3(4) of Decision 95/167/EC, Euratom, ECSC.

As you know, the Council is attaching great importance to cooperation with the EP and mutual information on a very large range of files of common interest. However, the list of documents requested by your committee is drafted in very broad terms and the documents in question are not clearly identified. It would help the Council if you could specify more precisely which documents are relevant for establishing cases of contraventions and maladministration in the application of EU law by the Member States.

Any reasoned request of this type, should identify in sufficiently clear, precise and unequivocal terms the factual and legal elements which form the object of the inquiry, so that the Council is in a position to determine its obligation to participate and, if applicable, invoke any of the exemptions not to do so laid down under Article 226 TFEU and the 1995 Decision. We recall in this context that the subject-matter of the inquiry concerns the alleged contraventions or maladministration in the implementation of EU law, and not the legislative negotiations leading to the adoption thereof.

The Council will of course examine such a request for access to documents in the light of the further specifications referred to above once they are provided.

Yours sincerely,

Louis Grech