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Subject: PANA Public Hearing on the "Cooperation in tax matters with European jurisdictions/non-European jurisdictions and third countries"

Honourable Vice President of the Republic of Panama,

As you may be aware, the European Parliament has set up an Inquiry Committee (PANA) on Tax Evasion, Tax Avoidance and Money Laundering following the revelations known as the "Panama Papers".

You can find more information on this committee, including the committee mandate, here :
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/pana/home.html>

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 ways 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 Vice President of the Republic of Panama to a PANA Committee hearing that is going to take place on 9 May 2017 from 9.00-12.30 in the European Parliament premises in Brussels, either in person or via videoconference.

The purpose of this hearing is to learn about the follow-up Panama has undertaken following the above mentioned revelations, notably with regard to tax transparency, exchange of information in tax matters and issues related to anti-money laundering. For your information, representatives of European and non-European jurisdictions will also be invited.

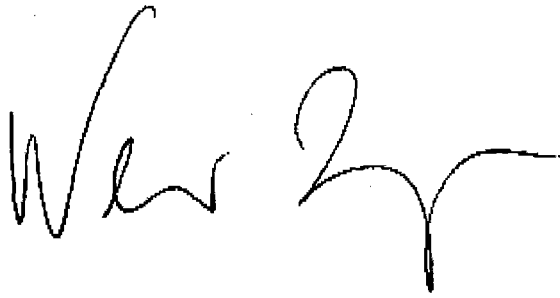
If the date is not convenient for you, our services are open to discuss other options.

You will 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.

Should you need any additional information or should you have any queries on this hearing, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Elisabeth Kavalierakis (tel:+32 2 28 46375, elisabeth.kavalierakis@ep.europa.eu) for content-related questions or the Secretariat of the PANA Committee (pana-secretariat@ep.europa.eu) for other questions.

In the hope that you will be in a position to accept this invitation, we look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Werner Langen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr Werner Langen

Copy : Your Excellency Dario CHIRU
Ambassador of the Mission of the Republic of Panama to the European Union