



Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion
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Subject: PANA Public Hearing on “Tax-Planning, Do Celebrities and Companies Breach EU Law?”

Dear Mr Counasse,

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

You can find more information on this committee, including the committee's mandate, here: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/pana/home.html> On this website you can also find the draft report as well as the draft recommendations elaborated by the co-rapporteurs of our Committee.

In the framework of its work, the PANA Committee is conducting a series of hearings with of EU institutions, EU Member States, business representatives, stakeholders, academia and key representatives. 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 as a speaker in our upcoming hearing on “Tax-Planning, Do Celebrities and Companies Breach EU Law?” either in person or via videoconference.

We therefore hereby have the pleasure to invite you to a PANA Committee hearing that is going to take place on 26 September 2017 from 9.00 - 12.30 in the European Parliament premises in Brussels. The panel for which you would be kindly invited will take place from 11h00 -12h30.

The purpose of the panel is to learn about the tax planning strategies of multinational companies in particular with regard to transfer pricing, and the use of favourable tax jurisdictions.

The Members of the Committee would be very interested to hear your experience and findings in this context and the deficiencies in the existing legal framework observed in this area (including, if

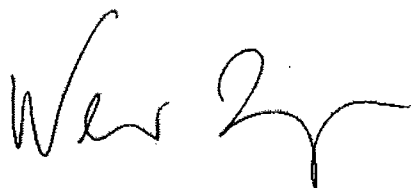
appropriate, evidence of no respect of EU law). Any recommendation based on your experience would be very welcome.

You will be invited to make an initial statement of a maximum of 5 minutes. After the opening statements by the panellists 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 Ms Anje Bultena (tel.: +32 2 28 42532, anje.bultena@europarl.europa.eu) for content-related questions or the Secretariat of the PANA Committee (pana-secretariat@ep.europa.eu).

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', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Werner Langen