To Mr Petr Ježek

Chair of the Special Committee on
Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and
Tax Avoidance
European Parliament
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Subject: Your letter of 18 May 2018

31 May 2018

Dear Mr Ježek,

I would like to thank you again for the invitation to an exchange of views with the Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance on Monday 25 June 2018 on the topic of fighting harmful tax practices within the European Union and abroad and on the priorities of the Bulgarian Presidency in the tax area.

As you know, on 24 January 2018 I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of ECON Committee of the European Parliament where I presented our priorities and programme to the ECON Committee. I would like to reiterate that for the legislative dossiers that you have numerated in your letter (such as CCCTB and the Interest and Royalty Directive) the ECON Committee is the main interlocutor in the European Parliament.

Furthermore, on 28 February 2018 the EP plenary discussed the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions. On behalf of the Council, Ms Monika Panayotova, Deputy Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency, participated in the debate on the removal of several third countries from the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes, Ms Panayotova also provided Members of the European Parliament with answers to their additional questions.

Against this background and taking into account that the end of the Presidency is a particularly busy period I would regrettfully have to decline your invitation.

Please note that as regards your letter of 25 April 2018 requesting access to documents, we are still in the process of analysing it and will get back to you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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