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Subject: Creation of a European Tax Agency

The scandal known as 'Lux Leaks' has served to highlight the fact that the European internal market remains riddled with fiscal black holes that distort free competition.

The measures taken by the European Commission and its TAXE report are steps in the right direction to ensure better information exchange between the Member States and a more efficient Directorate General for Competition. It is also a positive sign that work has recommenced on a Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB).

However, for all this, we still need to establish a European body staffed with professionals devoted exclusively to examining European tax problems. Such a European Tax Agency could be entrusted with:

- a) managing the database of tax rulings;
- b) objectively drawing up and maintaining the blacklist of tax havens;
- c) drawing up and maintaining the list of cross-border tax evaders and avoiders;
- d) overseeing the correct application of European taxation standards and agreements with third countries;
- e) coordinating the network of national tax agencies;
- f) drawing up studies and proposals.

Does the Commission agree with this suggestion?