

Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance

The Chair

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Mr Vladislav GORANOV
Chair of the ECOFIN Council
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Subject: *Invitation to an exchange of views with the Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) on Tuesday 15 May 2018, from 15.00 to 16.00, Brussels, room PHS 1A002*

Dear Minister,

On 22 March 2018, the European Parliament set up a Special Committee on Tax Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax avoidance (TAX3). The committee will build on and complement the work carried out by the TAXE 1 and TAXE 2 special committees, in particular focusing on the effective implementation by the Member States, the Commission and the Council, and the impact of, the recommendations made in its resolutions of 25 November 2015 and 6 July 2016¹.

In the context of the work of this special committee, the coordinators of the political groups decided to hold a hearing on "The fight against harmful tax practices within the European Union and abroad" on 15 May 2018, from 2.00 pm to 6.00, the preliminary programme of which I enclose herewith.

The coordinators proposed that you should be invited to an exchange of views within the framework of this hearing to discuss with the committee about the topic of the hearing as well as the priorities of the Bulgarian Presidency in the tax area. This exchange of views would take place from 15.00 to 16.00.

Should you not be available on that date, I would suggest that you pass on this invitation to Ms Lilyana PAVLOVA, Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU, or, in case of unavailability from her part, to her deputy, Ms Monika PANAYOTOVA.

¹ see <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2016-0310+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN>
and <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2015-0408+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>

The TAX3 committee secretariat (Francisco RUIZ-RISUEÑO, Tel. +32 228 40561, francisco.ruizrisueno@ep.europa.eu) will in due course liaise with your services for the practical arrangement of our invitation.

I remain at your disposal for further discussions on this matter. I thank you in advance for your availability and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JEZEK', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Petr JEŽEK

Cc: Ms Lilyana PAVLOVA, Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU
Ms Monika PANAYOTOVA, Deputy Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU
Mr Andreas STRUB, Head of Unit, Council of the European Union



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PUBLIC HEARING

"THE FIGHT AGAINST HARMFUL TAX PRACTICES WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ABROAD"

WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2018

14.00 - 18.00

Room: Paul Henri Spaak (PHS) 1A002

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

14.00 - 14.05 Welcome by the TAX3 Chair

14.05- 15.00 Exchange of views

- Ms **Fabrizia Lapecorella**, Chair of the Code of Conduct Group on Business Taxation (tbc) - The work of the Code of Conduct Group

Discussion with TAX3 Members

15.00- 16.00 Exchange of views

- Mr **Vladislav Goranov**, Minister for Finance of Bulgaria (tbc) - The future of business taxation in the EU: Priorities of the Bulgarian Presidency

Discussion with TAX3 Members

16.00- 17.00 Exchange of views

- Ms **Emily O'Reilly**, **European Ombudsman** (confirmed) - Transparency of the Council's work in the tax area

Discussion with TAX3 Members



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17.00- 17.55 Panel: EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions: room for improvement?

- Mr **Valère Moutarlier**, Director, Dir D — Direct Taxation, Tax coordination, Economic Analysis and Evaluation, European Commission (tbc)
- Ms **Elly Van de Velde**, Professor of Tax Law, Hasselt University (tbc)
- Mr **Alex Cobham**, Chief Executive, Tax Justice Network (tbc)

Discussion with TAX3 Members

17.55- 18.00 Conclusions by the TAX3 Chair