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Chair of the Code of Conduct Group (Business Taxation)

Mr Petr JEŽEK

Chair of the Special Committee on Financial Crimes,
Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance
European Parliament
Rue Wiertz 60
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Subject: Your letter of 23 April 2018

Dear Mr Ježek,

I would like to thank you for the invitation to an exchange of views with the Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance on Tuesday 15 May 2018 to discuss the work of the Code of Conduct Group, notably as regards the EU list of non-cooperative tax jurisdictions; potential aggressive tax measures in the EU and the transparency and reform of the group.

Unfortunately, on that date, I will not be available to participate in the hearing due to prior commitments.

As you are aware the Presidency is regularly keeping the European Parliament informed about taxation issues through the ECON Committee during appearances at ministerial level.

With regard to the Code of Conduct, I would like to seize this opportunity to recall that it remains a political commitment among Member States to coordinate their actions within their sphere of competence, without prejudice to the rights and obligations resulting from the Treaties.

For this reason I would deem it appropriate to inform and hear the views of Member States within the Council (Code of Conduct Group) about your invitation, so as to get back to you with the feedback from the Group at the earliest convenience.

In the meantime, let me take the opportunity to thank again the Committee for the invitation.

Sincerely yours,

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