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## TAX3 hearing

Dear Mr Ježek,

Thank you for your letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> June. I appreciate your clarification about the hearing and for providing additional information on the objectives of this hearing.

Having carefully reviewed our position following your letter, I must inform you respectfully that our view remains that our professional obligations as a law firm prevent us from contributing in any meaningful way to your discussions.

Baker McKenzie advises its clients on a worldwide basis on compliance with tax laws. As part of our professional obligations to our clients, we do not feel at liberty to answer questions or express views on measures introduced in response to the topics to be discussed at the hearing without express authorization from our clients affected by those measures.

Therefore we must decline to attend.

Sincerely,

Erik Scheer

Chair EMEA Region

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