

Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance  
The Chair

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**Subject:** *Invitation to a meeting of the Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) on Thursday, 21 June 2018, from 9 am to 12.30 pm, in Brussels, JAN 6Q2*

Dear Ms Garside,

I am glad to hear that you have accepted our invitation to participate at the public hearing organised by the European Parliament Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) under the title "Lessons learnt from the Paradise Papers".

The hearing will take place **in Brussels, on Thursday, 21 June 2018, from 9 am to 12.30 pm, room JAN 6Q2.**

It will be structured in two panels. The first panel, at which your participation will be much welcomed, will be devoted to discuss with tax experts and journalists whether the Paradise Papers revelations show loopholes in the EU tax legislation. The second panel will consist of a discussion with multinational corporations and intermediaries on allegations of aggressive tax planning schemes within the EU. Please find enclosed herewith a draft programme of the meeting.

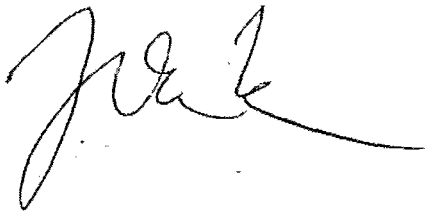
The session will start with a short introduction by each of the invited speakers, which should not exceed 5 minutes. The introductory remarks will be followed by an exchange of views with Members of the TAX3 Committee, during which time speakers will be invited to respond to observations made and questions posed to them. Questions will be asked in slots of five minutes: each question will be put within one minute at maximum, with the remaining time devoted to the answer. If time allows, the Member will have the possibility to ask a follow-up question, without extending the overall five-minute slot.

I have been informed that the committee secretariat has already shared with you a list of questions on topics of interest for the committee. I would appreciate if you could send us a written reply at your earliest convenience.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Francisco Ruiz-Risueño (tel.: +32 2 284 05 61, [francisco.ruizrisueno@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:francisco.ruizrisueno@europarl.europa.eu)) for content-related questions or the Secretariat of the TAX3 Committee ([tax3-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:tax3-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu)) for logistic questions.

I remain at your disposal for further discussions on this matter. I thank you in advance for your availability and look forward to welcoming you to our meeting on 21 June 2018.

Yours sincerely,

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

Petr Ježek



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## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **"LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE PARADISE PAPERS"**

**PANEL I: DO THE "PARADISE PAPERS" SHOW LOOPHOLES IN THE EU TAX LEGISLATION?**

**PANEL II: ALLEGED AGGRESSIVE TAX PLANNING SCHEMES WITHIN THE EU**

**THURSDAY, 21 JUNE 2018**

**9.00 - 12.30**

**Room: JÓZSEF ANTALL (JAN) 6Q2**

## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

<b>9.00 - 9.05</b>	<b>Welcome by the TAX3 Chair</b>
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<b>9.05- 10.40</b>	<b><u>Panel I:</u> Do the "Paradise Papers" show loopholes in the EU tax legislation?</b>
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- Mr **Achim Pross**, Head of Division of the International Co-operation and Tax Administration Division (ICA), OCDE
- Ms **Juliette Garside** (The Guardian), Reporter of ICIJ on Paradise Papers
- Ms **Lucía Rossel Flores**, Researcher at the project "Combating Fiscal Fraud and Empowering Regulators (COFFERS)", The Netherlands

<b>Discussion with TAX3 Members</b>
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**10.40- 12.25    Panel II: Alleged aggressive tax planning schemes within the EU**

- Ms **Irene Yates**, Vice-President Corporate Tax, McDonald's
- Ms **Patricia Johnson**, Vice-President and Chief Tax Officer, Nike Inc.

**Discussion with TAX3 Members**

**12.25- 12.30    Conclusions by the TAX3 Chair**