

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

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Mr Phillip HAMMOND
Chancellor of the Exchequer, United Kingdom
HM Treasury
1 Horse Guards Road
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Subject: *Invitation to a Public Hearing with the Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) on Wednesday 26 September, from 15.00 to 18:30, Brussels, ASP 5G2.*

Dear Chancellor,

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, and the PANA Inquiry Committee, 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, 6 July 2016 and 13 December 2017¹.

In the context of the work of this special committee, the coordinators of the political groups decided to hold a hearing on "The third country dimension in the fight against tax crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance" on 26 of September 2018, from 15.00 to 18.30, the preliminary programme of which I enclose herewith.

The coordinators proposed that you should be invited for an exchange of views within the framework of this hearing to discuss with the committee about the risks in the field of tax policy associated with the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

Should you not be available on that date, I would suggest that you pass on this invitation to Ms Elisabeth TRUSS, Chief Secretary of the Treasury, or, in case of unavailability from her part, to Mr Mel STRIDE, Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

¹ see <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2016-0310+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN>; <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2015-0408+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>, and [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/cmsdata/135340/P8_TA-PROV\(2017\)0491_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/cmsdata/135340/P8_TA-PROV(2017)0491_EN.pdf).

The TAX3 Committee secretariat (Gabriel Alvarez Recarte, Tel. +32 228 41667, gabriel.alvarez@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 'P. Ježek', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Petr Ježek



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PUBLIC HEARING

THE THIRD COUNTRY DIMENSION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TAX CRIMES, TAX EVASION AND TAX AVOIDANCE

26 SEPTEMBER 2018

15.00 – 18.30

Room: tbc

PRELIMINARY DRAFT PROGRAMME

15.00-15.05	Welcome by the TAX3 Chair
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15.05-16.40	Panel 1: Risks in the field of tax policy associated with Brexit <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How Brexit will affect issues that already exist with tax and financial policy of certain Crown Dependencies• Possible solutions to the EU-UK tax relations as a result of Brexit
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- Presentation by Mr **Michel Barnier**, Chief Negotiator of the EU Brexit Task Force
- Presentation by Ms **Margaret Hodge**, Member of UK Parliament
- Presentation by Mr **Phillip Hammond** [Ms **Elisabeth Truss** or Mr **Mel Stride**], UK Government

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16.40 - 18.25 Panel 2: Lessons to be taken from EU-third countries tax agreements

- Effects on money laundering, tax evasion and avoidance
- How can bilateral tax treaties facilitate tax abuse and trade agreements facilitate illicit financial flows?
- Impact on developing countries

- Presentation by Ms **Cecilia Malmström** or a high-rank official of DG TRADE, *How can trade agreements facilitate illicit financial flows and tax evasion?*
- Presentation by Prof **Dominik Gajewski**, Warsaw School of Economics, *How can bilateral tax treaties facilitate tax abuse and trade agreements facilitate illicit financial flows?*
- Presentation by Ms **Kasia Szeniawska**, Actionaid, *Impact of bilateral tax treaties on developing countries*
- Presentation by Mr **Armando Lara Yaffar**, UN Committee on Experts of International Cooperation in Tax Matters, *Lessons to be taken from EU-third countries tax agreements: effects on money laundering, tax evasion and avoidance*

Discussion with TAX3 Members**18.25- 18.30 Conclusions by the TAX3 Chair**