

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

Ms Nienke PALSTRA
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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, room tbc.*

Dear Ms Palstra,

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 the TAX3 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 mainly discuss about the risk in the field of tax policy associated with the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

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.

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).

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 'Petr Ježek', written in a cursive style.

· 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: **Altiero Spinelli (ASP) A5G2**

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 Ms **Margaret Hodge**, Member of UK Parliament. Confirmed
- Presentation by Ms **Nienke Palstra**, Global witness. (tbc)

Discussion with TAX3 Members



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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? (tbc but DG actively seeking somebody to participate)*
- Presentation by Prof **Dominik Gajewski**, Warsaw School of Economics, *How can bilateral tax treaties facilitate tax abuse and trade agreements facilitate illicit financial flows? (tbc)*
- Presentation by Ms **Kasia Szeniawska**, Actionaid, *Impact of bilateral tax treaties on developing countries. Confirmed*
- Presentation by Mr **Eric Yarboy Mensah**, 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. Confirmed by teleconference.*

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18.25- 18.30 Conclusions by the TAX3 Chair