

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

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Mr Stephen Quest  
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**Subject:** *Invitation to a Public Hearing with the Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) on 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2018 in Strasbourg at 20.30, room LOW S1.5*

Dear Mr Quest,

On 22 March 2018, the European Parliament set up a Special Committee on Tax Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax avoidance (TAX3). The committee builds on and complements 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 2017<sup>1</sup>.

In the context of the work of this special committee, the coordinators of the political groups decided on 13 September to hold a hearing on "Relations with Switzerland in tax matters and the fight against money laundering" on 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2018 in Strasbourg at 20.30.

The coordinators proposed to invite you or one of your representative for an exchange of views within the framework of this hearing to discuss recent developments on the relations between the EU and Switzerland in tax matters, taking into account the work of the Code of Conduct Group on Business Taxation and the ongoing negotiations of the institutional framework Agreement.

The TAX3 Committee secretariat (Gabriel Alvarez Recarte, Tel. +32 228 41667, [gabriel.alvarez@ep.europa.eu](mailto:gabriel.alvarez@ep.europa.eu)) will in due course liaise with you for the practical arrangement of our invitation.

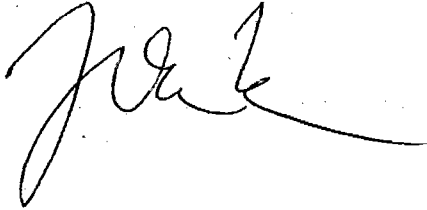
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<sup>1</sup> see <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2016-0310+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN>; <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2015-0408+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>, and [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/cmsdata/135340/P8\\_TA-PROV\(2017\)0491\\_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', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Petr Ježek

cc: Valère Moutarlier, Direct Tax Director