

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 Monday, 15 October 2018, from 3 pm to 6.30 pm, in Brussels, JAN 6Q2

Dear Mr Carr,

I am pleased to learn that you have accepted to take part in the parliamentary hearing on "Golden visas and other national schemes providing tax privileges (free ports, special economic zones)" that the European Parliament Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) is organising for Monday, 15 October 2018, from 3 pm to 6.30 pm, in room JAN 6Q2.

The hearing will be structured in two panels. The first panel will be devoted to discuss risks and vulnerabilities in the area of money laundering linked to residence by investment schemes. The second panel, at which your participation will be much welcomed, will focus on free ports and special economic zones. The Members will be particularly interested in hearing your expert opinion about the risks and benefits that these zones have for the EU.

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 four 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 four-minute slot.

In order to better organise the discussion, we will be soon sending some questions to you in preparation of the meeting.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Francisco Ruiz-Risueño (tel.: +32 2 284 05 61, francisco.ruizrisueno@europarl.europa.eu) for content-related questions or the Secretariat of the TAX3 Committee (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 15 October 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Petr Ježek