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

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Berlingske ATT: Simon Bendtsen & Michael Lund Pilestræde 34 1147 København K DENMARK

Subject:

Invitation to Mr Howard Wilkinson to a public hearing organised by the European Parliament Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) on "Combatting money-laundering in the EU banking system", on 21 November 2018, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, in Brussels

Dear Mr Wilkinson,

The European Parliament Special Committee on Tax Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) has decided to hold a hearing on "Combatting Money-Laundering in the EU banking system", on <u>Wednesday</u>, 21 November 2018, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, in <u>Brussels</u>.

The TAX3 Committee held a first hearing on the subject on 26 April 2018 at which the supervisory institutions and financial intelligence units of some Members States participated. The committee has now decided, in light of recent serious allegations of money laundering involving some financial institutions, amongst which Danske Bank, to invite them to appear before the committee.

In this connection, I would like to invite you to participate at this hearing as the person who reported to the press money-laundering suspicions concerning Danske Bank. You would have a maximum of 7 minutes to make an initial statement. After the opening statements by the panellists, there will be a session of questions and answers with Members. For your information, please find attached the draft programme of this event.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance at your earliest convenience and <u>preferably</u> <u>no later than Friday 19 October 2018.</u> After your confirmation, we will send you some questions in preparation of the meeting.

For any additional 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 look forward to seeing you on 21 November 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Petr Ježek

Encl.: Draft programme

PUBLIC HEARING "COMBATTING MONEY LAUNDERING IN THE EU BANKING SECTOR"

WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2018

9.00 - 12.30

Room: PAUL HENRI SPAAK (PHS) 5B001

BRUSSELS

DRAFT PROGRAMME

9.00 - 9.05 Welcome by the TAX3 Chair

9.05-11.00 First panel: Money laundering in the EU Banking Sector: what is failing?

- > Mr Jan-Willem Vink, General Counsel, ING Groep (confirmed)
- > Mr **Howard Wilkinson**, whistle-blower on Danske Bank (tbc)
- > Mr Ole Andersen, Chairman Board of Directors, Danske Bank (tbc)
- Ms Birgitte Bonnesen, Chairman, Swedish Bankers' Association (tbc)

Discussion with TAX3 Members

11.00- 12.25 <u>Second panel</u>: Better cooperation for better results in the fight against money laundering: Enhancing the role of the EBA in AML supervision of the financial sector

- Mr Andrea Enria, First Chairperson, European Banking Authority (EBA) (tbc)
- > Mr Olivier Guersent, Director General, DG FISMA, European Commission (tbc)
- > Ms **Alexandra Jour-Schroeder**, Acting Director General, DG JUST, European Commission

Discussion with TAX3 Members

10.55-11.00 Conclusions by the TAX3 Chair