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

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Mr Jesper Nielsen
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Subject: *Invitation 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 - 12:30 am, in Brussels*

Dear Mr Nielsen,

I was pleased to learn that you will participate at the hearing organised by the European Parliament Special Committee on Tax Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) on "Combatting Money-Laundering in the EU banking system", on **Wednesday, 21 November 2018, 9:00 am - 12:30 am, in Brussels.**

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, to invite them to appear before the committee with a view to acquiring a more complete and detailed understanding of the money-laundering vulnerabilities of the EU banking sector and improving the supervisory system so new episodes of this kind are avoided.

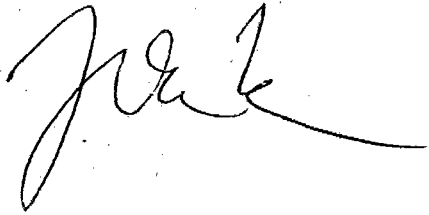
Regarding the practicalities of the hearing, I would like to ask you to make an initial statement of a maximum of 7 minutes in which you could give your views on the topic discussed. After the opening statements by the participants, there will be a session of questions and answers with Members. For your information, please find attached the draft programme of this event.

In the coming days, 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,

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Petr Ježek

Encl.: Draft programme



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

WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2018

9.00 - 12.30

Room: PAUL HENRI SPAAK (PHS) 5B001

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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*
- *Mr **Howard Wilkinson**, whistle-blower on Danske Bank*
- *Mr **Stephen M. Kohn**, counsel to Mr Wilkinson and expert in whistleblowing*
- *Mr **Jesper Nielsen**, Interim CEO, Danske Bank*
- *Ms **Åsa Arffman**, Chief Legal Counsel, Swedish Bankers' Association*

Discussion with TAX3 Members



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11.00- 12.25 Second panel: 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

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12.25- 12.30 Conclusions by the TAX3 Chair