

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 Tuesday, 27 November 2018, from 5:15 pm 6:30 pm, in Brussels

Dear Mr Zuckerberg,

I would like to invite you, in your capacity as Chief Executive Officer of Facebook, to a public hearing that the European Parliament Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3), will hold on <u>Tuesday</u>, 27 November 2018, from 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm (Brussels time), in Brussels.

The European Parliament set up the TAX3 Committee on 22 March 2018 with the mission, inter alia, to assess the progress made in the implementation of the Profit-Shifting and Base Erosion (BEPS) project, and to examine how to make the digital economy contribute more fairly to national tax systems.

Within this framework, the TAX3 Committee organised a first parliamentary hearing with multinational corporations on 21 June 2018 at which McDonald's and Nike Inc. participated. High-ranking executives of their tax divisions represented them at the hearing. The hearing of 27 November, at which your participation or the participation of a representative of your company is expected, will be the second one on the matter. Google and the Kering Group have already expressed their availability to participate at a hearing with the TAX3 Committee.

The hearing will consist of a discussion on allegations of aggressive tax planning schemes within the EU and on digital taxation.

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 five 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 five-minute slot.

In order to better organise the discussion, we will be soon sending some questions to you in preparation of the meeting. We will also send you some practical information, including the room at which the meeting will take place.

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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.

Yours sincerely,

Petr Ježek