

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

Mr Rudolf Elmer  
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**Subject:** *Invitation to a public hearing with the Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) on Monday 01 October 2018, afternoon, in Strasbourg*

Dear Mr Elmer,

On 1 March 2018, the European Parliament decided to set up a Special Committee on Tax Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax avoidance (TAX3)<sup>1</sup>. The committee was constituted on 22 March. It complements and builds on the work carried out by the TAXE 1 and TAXE 2 Special Committees and by the PANA Inquiry Committee. Its remit notably includes following up on the progress made by the Member States in ending harmful tax practices; to analyse and assess the third-country dimension in tax avoidance practices; to assess the methodology, country screening and impact of the EU lists of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax.

In the context of the work of the TAX3 Committee, the coordinators of the political groups decided to hold a hearing on "Relations with Switzerland in Tax Matters and the Fight against Money Laundering" on 1 October 2018, from 20:30 to 21:45, in Strasbourg, the programme of which I enclose herewith.

The coordinators proposed that you should be invited for an exchange of views within the framework of this hearing to mainly discuss about the relations EU-Switzerland in Tax matters and the fight against Money Laundering.

I am pleased to be informed that you accepted the invitation, following contacts with the TAX3 Committee secretariat (Gabriel Alvarez Recarte, Tel. +32 228 41667, [gabriel.alvarez@ep.europa.eu](mailto:gabriel.alvarez@ep.europa.eu)).

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<sup>1</sup> Texts adopted: P8\_TA-PROV(2018)0048

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.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Petr Ježek', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Petr Ježek



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## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **"RELATIONS WITH SWITZERLAND IN TAX MATTERS AND THE FIGHT AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING"**

**MONDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2018**

**20.30 - 21.45**

**Room: LOUISE WEISS (LOW) S1.5**

**STRASBOURG**

## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**20.30 - 20.35 Welcome by the TAX3 Chair**

**20.35 - 21.40 Presentation by the experts and discussion with TAX3  
Members**

- **Mr Dieter Kischel**, Head of Sector of Harmful Tax Practices - General-Directorate  
Taxation and Customs Union - European Commission
- **Mr Rudolf Elmer**, Whistleblower, Switzerland
- **Mr Andreas Frank**, Former banker and Anti-Money Laundering expert, Switzerland

**Discussion with TAX3 Members**

**21.40 - 21.45 Conclusions by the TAX3 Chair**