Amendment 1
Elisa Ferreira on behalf of the S&D Group
Sylvie Goulard on behalf of the ALDE Group

Report
Elisa Ferreira, Michael Theurer
Tax rulings and other measures similar in nature or effect
2015/2066(INI)

Motion for a resolution
Recital AD

AD. whereas some of the committee’s work was hindered by the fact that a number of the Member States and the Council did not reply in due time (see Annex 2) and, in the end, did not forward all the documents requested or simply made courtesy replies that hardly touched upon the substance of the requests made; whereas out of 17 MNCs invited (excluding accounting and tax advising firms), 15 agreed to appear before the committee (see Annex 3); whereas the Commission did not fully cooperate either and send all room documents and informal meeting notes from the Code of Conduct meetings, only offering, because of some Member States’ intransigence, a limited consultation procedure; whereas the committee’s term of office therefore had to be extended;

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Paragraph 100

100. Stresses the fact that, despite repeated invitations, 19 MNCs have agreed to appear before the committee to discuss international tax planning matters, out of a total of 21; considers that the refusal of two of them – some with high public visibility – to cooperate with a parliamentary committee is unacceptable and highly damaging to the dignity of the European Parliament and the citizens it represents; recommends, therefore, that its competent authorities consider depriving these companies from their access to Parliament’s premises and that serious consideration be given to setting up a clear framework and upgrading the duties set out in the Code of Conduct for organisations included in the Transparency Register, in terms of cooperation with Parliament’s committees and other political bodies;

1 Airbus, BNP Paribas, SSE plc, Total S.A, KPMG, Ernst & Young, Deloitte, PwC, Amazon, Anheuser-Busch InBev, Barclays Bank Group, Coca-Cola Company, Facebook, Google, HSBC Bank plc, IKEA, McDonald’s Corporation, Philip Morris, The Walt Disney Company.

2 Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Walmart.

100. Stresses the fact that, despite repeated invitations, only four MNCs initially agreed to appear before the committee to discuss international tax planning matters, out of a total of 17; considers that the initial refusal of 13 of them – some with high public visibility – to cooperate with a parliamentary committee is unacceptable and highly damaging to the dignity of the European Parliament and the citizens it represents; notes, however, that 11 MNCs finally agreed to come to the committee only after the report had been voted on in the TAXE Committee and shortly before the vote in plenary, while two MNCs persisted in their refusal; recommends, therefore, that its competent authorities consider depriving these companies from their access to Parliament’s premises and that serious consideration be given to setting up a clear framework and upgrading the duties set out in the Code of Conduct for organisations included in the Transparency Register, in terms of cooperation with Parliament’s committees and other political bodies;

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