

Question for written answer P-002576/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Removing the Bahamas from the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes

In December 2017 the Commission published the first list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes. This list has already been updated twice. Nine of the 17 countries originally named remain on the list. The Bahamas was only added to the list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes in March 2018, after failing to make commitments at a high political level in response to all of the EU's concerns, but now the country is to be removed again.

1. Can the Commission confirm that the Code of Conduct Group wishes to remove the Bahamas from the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes?
2. What are the arguments in favour?
3. To what extent does the Commission consider the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes to be credible and effective, if countries such as the Bahamas are removed from the list again after only a few months merely on the basis of statements of intent as regards compliance with the EU criteria?