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Directorate A - Economic and Scientific Policies
Special Committee TAXE
Tax Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect
The Chair

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Ms Marianne KLINGBEIL
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Subject: Request for information

Dear Ms Klingbeil,

The European Parliament Special Committee on Tax Rulings (TAXE), which I Chair, has been given six months to complete its work and fulfil its mandate (see annex). In order to achieve this, the TAXE Committee will need access to relevant documents from the European Commission, the Council and from all Member States.

Consequently, I would be grateful if you could provide the TAXE Committee Secretariat (taxe-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu) with the following information.

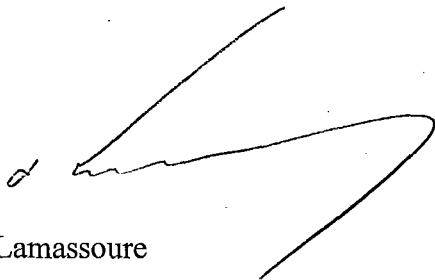
- Meeting documents and minutes of the following meetings:
 - Working Party IV – direct taxation (since 1.1.2010)
 - Tax Policy Group
 - The EU Joint Transfer Pricing Forum;
- European Commission documents (including minutes) concerning the EU Code of Conduct Group for Business Taxation;
- The latest European Commission report on the actions taken by it in the field of tax aid (direct business taxation);
- The latest European Commission report on the functioning of the Savings Tax Directive;
- The outcome of the Public consultation of the European Commission on a review of Regulation (EC) N° 1889/2005 on 'controls of cash entering or leaving the Community' (once available);
- European Commission documents concerning the actions taken in the promotion of good governance principles towards third countries in the field of corporate taxation;

- An overview of features of the corporate tax systems in the EU Member States and of the relevant third countries that might be deemed to fit the criteria set out in the European Commission recommendation of 6.12.2012 on aggressive tax planning;
- Any available document giving an analytical overview of the resources and effectiveness of the national tax authorities in the EU Member States, and of their judiciary, with a view to identifying best practices;
- The latest assessment by the European Commission of the implementation of Council Directive 2011/16/EU article 9 and 77/799/EEC article 4 since 1991;

Given the tight timetable of the activities of the TAXE Special Committee, it would be greatly appreciated if the requested documents that are available at this stage could be provided by 29 May 2015. For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the TAXE Secretariat: contact persons Ms Anna Saarela - anna.saarela@ep.europa.eu, 0032-2-2832192 or Mr Massimo Palumbo - massimo.palumbo@ep.europa.eu, 0032-2-2832360.

I look forward to close collaboration and an intensive dialogue with you and the relevant Commission services on this important matter and please be assured of my warmest thanks for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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Cc: Mr Alexander ITALIANER, Director General, DG Competition
Mr Heinz ZOUREK Director General, DG Taxation and Customs Union