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TAXE 2 Committee on Tax Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect

The Chair

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Dear Chair,

In February 2015, the European Parliament established a special Committee on Tax Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect (TAXE 1) and it has adopted a resolution¹ on 25 November 2015 putting forward many recommendations to tackle tax avoidance by multinational companies in the EU. The European Parliament has then decided to set up a new special committee (TAXE 2) to build on and complete this work.

As a result, TAXE 2 is now working on the follow-up of the recommendations of TAXE 1 at EU and national level. Indeed, in the meantime, the OECD BEPS action plan has been adopted and the European Commission has presented an Anti-Tax Avoidance Package aiming at implementing this action plan. Some Member States have also already changed some parts of their legislation and some parliaments are currently working on the implementation of some elements of the BEPS action plan.

Therefore, I would like to continue to work in close cooperation with national Parliaments on the basis of the successful Interparliamentary meeting which took place on 17 June 2015 at the European Parliament to which thirty-seven Members from eighteen national Parliaments have participated as well as of the Interparliamentary conference organised by the Luxembourgish Presidency of the Council on 9-10 November 2015. On these occasions, many Members of national Parliaments have expressed their interest in continuing to work together on these issues with the participation of Members of the European Parliament who could bring a European dimension to the debate even on a topic which is fully of national competence.

In this spirit, I would like to invite you or some representatives of your Committee to a new Interparliamentary meeting to take place in Brussels on 18 April 2016 in the afternoon to discuss these issues more in-depth. The agenda will be sent to you shortly.

I would like thank you in advance for your interest in this initiative and look forward to working with you again.

Yours faithfully,

Alain Lamassoure

¹ TAXE Special Committee's resolution as voted in Plenary on 25.11.2015 :
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2015-0408+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>