

Annex V



Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion
The Chair

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Dr. Joseph Muscat
Prime Minister of Malta
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Malta

Subject: European Parliament Inquiry Committee PANA committee - Participation of Mr Keith Schembri to a public hearing on 18 May 9:00-10:30 in Strasbourg

Dear Prime Minister,
Dear Dr. Joseph Muscat,

As you probably know, the European Parliament has set up an Inquiry Committee on money laundering, tax evasion and tax avoidance (PANA) following the revelations which became known as the 'Panama Papers'.

The committee visited Malta on 20 February and had very constructive talks with many interlocutors. As Chair of the Committee, I invited Mr Keith Schembri to meet with our delegation as well. I however regret to have been informed of Mr Schembri's refusal to meet the European Parliament delegation only very shortly before the scheduled meeting, on the street, by a post officer.

The PANA committee trusts that we share a common objective of better fighting against tax evasion and money laundering. During our visit in Malta, the Minister for Finances, Mr Scicluna, committed on behalf of the Maltese Presidency to make progress in this area.

Mr Schembri being the Chief of Staff of your Office, I would like to invite you to use your authority to ask him to cooperate with the PANA Committee by accepting an invitation to appear to a public hearing in Strasbourg on 18 May at 9:00-10:30.

Please let me know if you have any doubt or query. The contact person in the PANA secretariat is Mr. Benoit Wets (benoit.wets@europarl.europa.eu, tel. +32.2.283 4980).

Looking forward to your reply,
Yours sincerely,

Dr. Werner LANGEN

cc: Mr Keith Schembri, Chief of Staff of Prime Minister

