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Dear Mr Lamassour

Issues related to the fight against tax fraud and tax evasion are issues that are of constant interest to the Committee on Taxation in the Swedish Parliament. Thus, the Committee follows the developments on these and related issues in the international arena within the OECD and the EU and is pleased that important steps have been taken in recent years. The BEPS project is e.g. at the core of a hearing organised by our Committee in June.

A group of members of our Committee plans to attend the interparliamentary meeting organised on 17 June. In the mean time we just want to confirm to you that the Committee takes these issues very seriously and have taken a great interest in actions aiming at solving problems caused by tax evasion and tax avoidance for a long time.

The key task of the Committee is to prepare legislation in the tax area. The committee is however, due to constitutional restraints not consulted on administrative practices such as tax rulings. Decisions on Tax rulings are in Sweden taken by a special board, not linked to the Tax Authority. The Committee stays informed through meetings with a broad spectrum of stakeholders, e.g. the Government, The Tax Administration and other interested parties. The members of the committee follows these matters as the information is available and public and thus discussed in the "tax arena" in general.

Yours sincerely

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