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**Subject: Your participation as a member of the Expert Group on Taxation of  
Income from Savings set by the European Commission in 2007**

Dear Ms Pedersen,

I can confirm that you were a formally appointed Member of the Expert Group on Taxation of Income from Savings since the first meeting of this Group held on 22 March 2007 and until your resignation for personal reasons on 17 September 2012.

The European Commission set up this Expert Group in 2007 with two main objectives. First, of being provided with the viewpoints of the European Union's market operators on the application of Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (the Savings Taxation Directive). Second of receiving assistance in assessing the possible impact on the markets of any amendments to the Directive which could be desirable in order to better ensure effective taxation of savings income and to remove distortions of competition, while keeping proportionate the administrative burden on market operators. The Group examined a number of issues including the definition of paying agent for the purpose of the Directive, the treatment of income from non-UCITS kinds of investment funds, and the possible coverage of benefits from Unit-linked life insurance contracts and pension funds.

You were one of the 24 original Members of the Group, appointed by the Chair of the Group (our former Director Mr Michel Aujean), together with their Alternates. The Members were tax and financial experts proposed by the European Trade Associations for banking, insurance, investment funds, asset management and related sectors. Your candidature to become a Member of the Group was proposed to us by the "Association Internationale des Sociétés d'Assurance Mutuelle". English was the only working language of the Group.

I personally followed the work of the Group throughout its duration and I have clear recollections of your active and highly professional contribution to the discussions between the Experts and of the quality of your written contributions, which helped us notably in the definition of the scope of the Commission legislative proposal of 13 November 2008 [document COM (2008) 727] aimed at amending and enhancing the Savings Taxation Directive.

I have no objection to you sharing this appreciation of your contribution and technical skills with other people whom it may concern.

Yours sincerely,

Germano Mirabile  
Principal Administrator