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Dear President, 

I refer to your letter of 27 January regarding the state of play of the possible disclosure of informal minutes of the meetings of the Code of Conduct Group drafted by Commission officials.

I would like to reiterate the Commission's willingness to be as transparent as possible towards the TAXE Committee as well as its commitment to the full respect of the framework agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the Commission.

In line with the Inter-institutional Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the Commission from 2010, Member States have been consulted regarding the minutes of the Code of Conduct Group. They discussed the matter twice in meetings in the Council at technical level which implied that the initial deadline for their reply was extended to the 25 January.

At this stage, I have the pleasure to let you know that Member States are favourable to the release of the documents. In order not to undermine the decision-making process, documents or parts of documents that relate to issues which are still under discussion at the Code of conduct, can however only be made available in a meeting in camera. The Commission services are scrutinising the documents to this effect and are already in contact with representatives of the TAXE2 Committee to agree on the practical modalities for such a meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Martin Schulz
President of the European Parliament



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Dear President,

Please find herewith the reply letter from President Juncker to your letter dated 27 January (Ref. D 301498).

With kind regards,

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