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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Code of Conduct Group (Business Taxation)

Subject: The EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes

- Commitment letters by some jurisdictions regarding the replacement of harmful preferential tax regimes with measures of similar effect
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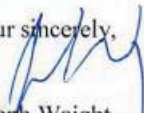
Dear Ms. Lapocorella:

RE: Replacement of Belize's Harmful Preferential Tax Regimes with Measures of Similar Effect

I refer to your letter of 1 February 2019 addressed to the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Finance on the above subject which has been passed to me for response.

On behalf of the Government of Belize, I wish to indicate, by way of this letter, our firm commitment to amend or abolish the harmful effects of the new provisions introduced in the Income and Business Tax Act, which may exempt foreign sourced income of International Business Companies (IBCs) and companies in a Designated Processing Area (DPA) from taxation by 31 December 2019, without any grandfathering mechanism.

Your sincerely,


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