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Delegations will find attached a letter regarding the delegated regulation mentioned above.

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Chair of the Committee of Permanent
Representatives of the Council of the
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Subject: Commission Delegated Regulation of 19th December 2022 in relation to third countries which have strategic deficiencies in their anti-money laundering and countering terrorist financing (AML/CFT) regimes.

Dear Chair,

We are writing to you, on behalf of the Coordinators of the ECON and LIBE committees in the European Parliament, regarding the Commission's delegated regulation of 19th December 2022, amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675 as regards adding Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gibraltar, Mozambique, Tanzania and United Arab Emirates to the table I of the Annex to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675 and deleting Nicaragua, Pakistan and Zimbabwe from that table.

We take note that the Council extended the scrutiny period for this Delegated Regulation in accordance with Article 64 of Directive (EU) 2015/849. We share the view that it is the prerogative of each co-legislator to ensure appropriate scrutiny of delegated acts adopted on the basis of empowerments given to the European Commission.

We draw your attention to the fact that this update of the Delegated Regulation reflects the latest evaluations by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), i.e. the FATF lists of 'Jurisdictions under Increased Monitoring' which occurred since the latest update of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675. We would like to emphasize that the update of the EU list is urgent and long overdue, especially considering that several countries were added to the FATF list since March 2022. This situation puts the EU financial system at risk with regard to jurisdictions identified as having significant deficiencies in their AML/CFT framework. In addition, third countries which effectively addressed their deficiencies are rightly requesting to be removed from the EU list as a matter of priority. For those reasons, we consider that the Delegated Regulation should enter into force as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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