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Executive Director of Europol

Mr. José Manuel Campa,
Chairperson of the European Banking Authority

Mr Ladislav Hamran,
President of Eurojust

Strasbourg, 2 July 2019

Dear Commissioner, Dear Director, Dear President,

I write to share with you a set of documents obtained or published via “Football Leaks”, which reveal a series of troubling connections between the world of football and criminal activities, such as money laundering and tax fraud and tax evasion.

I ask you to review the documents in annex to this letter, draw the necessary conclusions and start an investigation into the murky world of football and the transfer of players now being the object of contracts established among Portuguese and other European clubs and involving outrageous sums.

As you will see, some of the documents show a direct connection between football “bridge transfers” schemes and companies in offshore locations, including some closed after the Panama Papers scandal, with the purpose of laundering money. Some others prove the existence of complex tax evasion schemes, with the use of offshore and low taxation jurisdictions, in the EU and elsewhere, to facilitate the payment of salaries to certain players and avoid paying taxes.

I urge you to consider such documentation and proceed as necessary to put a stop to the continuous impunity of organized crime in the world of football and its perverse impact in the integrity of governance in EU Member States.

Best regards,

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