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Dear MEP Gomes,

I am writing to you to officially inform you that I have taken up the role of Permanent Representative of Malta to the EU as from 17th July 2018.

I am honoured to be able to serve Malta as its representative to the European Union, and I am committed to strive not only to ensure Malta's prosperity within the European Union, but to ensure the advancement of the Union as a whole.

The aphorism 'in unity, there is strength' cannot be underestimated, particularly at a time when the European project is facing successive crises which are challenging not only the spirit of solidarity that is the foundation of EU membership, but the very future that lies before it.

I am confident that the most effective way to dealing with these challenging times is greater and more meaningful communication.

Genuine, meaningful engagement between all European stakeholders is key towards being able to reach a place of mutual respect and understanding, where we might not necessarily agree in all instances, but where we may forge fair compromises and reach effective solutions to tackle the challenges that we face together.

In this spirit, allow me to draw your attention to recent developments in Malta concerning issues which have often been the focus of discussions within the European Parliament.

As you may be aware, the Prime Minister of Malta, and his family, has been the subject of a string of allegations of being involved in the ownership of a Panamanian company, and that this Panamanian company was the vehicle for illicit transactions and money laundering activities.

I would like to inform you that, following the initiation of a Magisterial Inquiry conducted by a member of the judiciary on initiative of the Prime Minister on 20th April 2017, that same

Magisterial Inquiry was concluded on Friday 20th July 2018 (15 months later), and its Primary Conclusions were published by the Attorney General's Office on Sunday 22nd July 2018.

Please find enclosed a translated copy of the Inquiry's Primary Conclusions for your consideration, as well as an Executive Summary, and a collection of news reports detailing and analysing the inquiry's findings.

The full Inquiry document, which spans approximately 1,500 pages, is pending publication following consideration by the Attorney General taking full consideration of the privacy of the private persons mentioned therein, as well as the possibility of prejudicing any possible subsequent police investigations stemming from its findings. In fact I am informed that the Inquiry has already been passed on to the Police so that they may initiate any investigations consequent to the Inquiry findings.

I am at your full disposal to respond to any queries, or provide additional information, as may be required. The Government of Malta stands ready to cooperate with the European Parliament and its Members in full and open dialogue that is constructive and deals with facts.

As Permanent Representative, please allow me this opportunity to reiterate that Malta's Permanent Representation remains available to you for any requests or updates that it may require throughout the course of its work.

I look forward to having the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the valuable work that is being undertaken by your good self, and any other issue of common interest, at the earliest opportunity.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,



Daniel Azzopardi
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Malta to the European Union