Dear [Name],

Many thanks for the information.

Mr Thomas and Mr Angel are both available in the morning (9:00-12:00) on Wednesday, 30 March.

Thank you for letting us know if this date would work on your side. We have in the meantime blocked their agendas.

We’re looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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Dear [Name],

Thank you for your quick and positive response.

From ABP’s perspective, we would find the meeting a success if it enhances the understanding of the Platform members on EU tax matters and at the same time facilitates a dialogue where Platform members can ask questions and provide insights based on their experiences and knowledge. The
Platform is looking forward to an interactive dialogue. In this context, my aim was to have a high level session where the current international tax environment, the dynamics that are driving this environment and the policy aims that follow from these dynamics would be discussed. Given his leading role on tax matters, it would be perfect if Mr. Thomas could participate in this session. On the other hand, it is also valuable to dig in deeper and have a conversation on the technicalities around some concrete tax proposals which have been published or policies under development, such as for example the proposals that relate to withholding taxes (UNSHELL, withholding at source) and on public tax reporting. As Mr. Angel is in charge of this work, I was hoping that he would be in a position to have this conversation with the Platform. My thinking is that each of these sessions could be scheduled for 1-1 1/2 hour. Of course we would be very honored if both Mr. Thomas and Mr. Angel would be available for both sessions, but I also realize that it may be too much to ask given the busy agendas of both gentlemen.

So in short, I was hoping for 2 sessions of 1-1 ½ hours where preferably Mr. Thomas could join for the high level policy session and preferably Mr. Angel could join for the more tax technical session.

In advance of these meetings, I would be happy to receive any points or questions on which the Commission would like the view of Platform members. On the other hand, I will organize a call with the Platform members shortly to discuss what issues or questions they would particularly like to discuss with the Commission. After this call, I can provide these to you if you if useful.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Kind regards,

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Dear

Following up on your below request, I would just have a couple of quick questions in order to be able to suggest a date that would work on our side.

I understand that you are inviting both Mr Thomas and Mr Angel and you would therefore need them to be available at the same time. Is that correct?

Should we look for a date where Mr Thomas and Mr Angel would be available for 2 consecutive hours, or longer?

Many thanks in advance for you feedback.

Kind regards,
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Dear Mr Thomas and Mr Angel,

As you have learned from our previous conversations and interactions, ABP actively aims to promote good corporate tax governance, tax transparency and an effective and efficient international tax system that serves the societies for which it is set in place. As a means to achieve this we strongly believe in meaningful dialogue between stakeholders. In 2021 your participation in our tax transparency event was very much appreciated, and valued by our audience. For this new year, we would like to contribute to deepening the dialogue between international stakeholders.

ABP has formed a tax platform together with a number of the bigger international asset owners from different regions of the world. As a platform we discuss tax developments and issues related to regulations and our investment portfolio. As recently explained to Mr Thomas during our virtual meeting on October 27, ABP would like to organize a day-long meeting in Brussels for the platform in March or early April (or a virtual meeting if such is not possible).
During this day the platform would like to have a dialogue in an informal setting with the European Commission (the Commission) and other representatives of EU institutions on tax matters, with the aim to both enhance the understanding that the platform-members have of the relevant pending and announced EU policy proposals and provide the opportunity for the platform-members to share knowledge and present insights which are relevant for the design of these policies. In this context, we would like the platform to gain understanding of both the high level policy considerations which underly the activities undertaken by the Commission, but also to have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of some of and share their insights on the technical tax proposals which are currently on the table, such as the Pillar Two and UNSHELL Directive. For that reason, we were wondering whether it would be possible to have a dialogue of approximately an hour on the high level tax policy environment, and a separate hour to discuss the technical proposals which the Commission is involved in.

I highly appreciate hearing from you if you are available for this and what date (around the end of March or the start of April) is most convenient for you. After that I will provide you with a proposal for the agenda.

Kind regards,

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