Subject: Your Participation as a Speaker at the Investor Workshop on Investment Protection in the EU – 17 December 2018

Dear [Name],

It is my pleasure to invite you to the Investor Workshop on Investment Protection in the EU and to thank you for accepting our invitation to participate as a speaker.

The workshop will take place in the context of the Commission Communication on "Protection of intra-EU investment" adopted on 19 July 2018 and will also touch upon the consequences of the recent Achmea judgment. The Communication aims to strengthen the business environment for EU investors. While EU law may not solve all problems investors can face in their activities, the Communication clarifies to what extent EU law protects EU investors' rights and how they can enforce those rights before national administrations and national courts in EU Member States.

Your contribution to Panel 1 on investors' substantive rights under EU law will provide a valuable academic perspective in the discussion. Our intention is to focus this panel discussion on investors' practical experiences in exercising the fundamental freedoms of the EU Single Market and on the protection they enjoy under the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights such as the right to property, the freedom to conduct a business, and the general principles of non-discrimination, proportionality, legal certainty and protection of legitimate expectations under EU law.

I invite you to participate in a conference call with Director Mario Nava to prepare the panel discussion in more detail during the week of 3-7 December.

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remain at your disposal for follow-up in the meantime.

I thank you for your contribution to the workshop and look forward to meeting you in person on 17 December at the event.

Yours faithfully,

John BERRIGAN

Enclosure: Up-dated Provisional Agenda