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Dear Minister,

I am writing to you with reference to the Resolution of the European Parliament of 3 May 2018. The Resolution suggests that the three remaining anti-fraud agreements with the tobacco manufacturers should be terminated with effect as of 20 May 2019. The European Parliament also calls on the Commission to present a report by the end of 2018 concerning the feasibility of terminating the three remaining agreements.

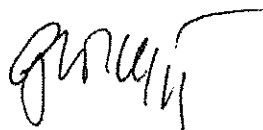
I would note that the three agreements have been concluded for a definite period of time and do not allow early termination by the Union and its Member States. In principle, an early termination would therefore be possible only with the agreement of the Union, all participating Member States, and the respective companies.

Against this background, I would wish to hear from you whether you, as a Party to the agreements, wish to continue implementing these agreements until their respective expiry dates^[1], or whether you would favour their advance termination, if agreed by all parties.

To allow the Commission to respond to the European Parliament in a manner reflecting the views of all Parties on the European side, I would like to have your views preferably by the end of October 2018.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



^[1] The Agreement with Japan Tobacco Imperial (JTI) will expire on December 2022, while the Agreements with British American Tobacco (BAT) and Imperial Brands (ITL) will come to an end in 2030.