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Ms Ana Gomes
Member of the European Parliament
Chair of the *ad hoc* Delegation to Malta

Strasbourg, 2 May 2018

Dear Ms Gomes,

Thank you for your letter of 27 April and for sending me the Report of the fact-finding mission which visited Malta on 30 November-1 December 2017.

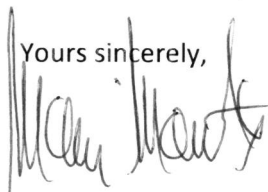
I am pleased to confirm that in the context of GRECO's Fifth Evaluation Round, a GRECO delegation will visit Malta in the period of 1-5 October to discuss the anti-corruption and integrity policies in place concerning top executive functions (senior government representatives) and law enforcement authorities. Systemic issues such as the functioning of the police and the management of conflicts of interest regarding ministers are only some of the issues which will be examined in that context.

Your report and recent insight into the Maltese situation will be a valuable input for the preparation of this visit. It is equally important that all those involved deliver policy messages which are consistent in so far as they address similar issues. GRECO's visit to and evaluation of Malta in October will be one of the actions carried out by the Council of Europe in the forthcoming months in respect of Malta. The GRECO report itself, to be drafted on the basis of the visit in October, will be discussed and adopted by GRECO at its plenary meeting in March 2019.

We would very much appreciate your readiness to meet with one or more GRECO representatives to discuss the key findings and recommendations of your mission report. Such a meeting could take place for instance during the European Parliament Session in Strasbourg at the end of May, on the premises of the European Parliament or at the Council of Europe.

Mr Christophe Speckbacher, Senior Legal Adviser in the GRECO Secretariat (tel +33 3 90 21 50 28; christophe.speckbacher@coe.int) is the person responsible for the upcoming evaluation of Malta. He will liaise with your staff for the organisation of a meeting at a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely,



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