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LET'S FIGHT TOGETHER AGAINST TAX EVASION AND BUILD A SUSTAINABLE AND FAIR TAXATION SYSTEM

One trillion € of tax revenue is lost to tax evasion and tax avoidance every year in the European Union. The 50 largest European companies have put 1/5 of their subsidiaries in tax havens. A quarter of the subsidiaries of European banks have done the same. We would like to underline some points:

First, taxation in Europe should embody way to progress, solidarity, equality and equity between Europeans. But today it's just the opposite. Free movement of capital and freedom to provide services without tax harmonization have led to a hateful tax competition and fiscal dumping between States.

Secondly, Europe must promote fair taxation, which ensures redistribution, essential to the balance of our societies and the dynamism of our economies; which promotes work rather than capital; which supports ecological transition. Tax competition leads to exactly the opposite results: it favours capital, which can easily cross borders on a click, benefits to higher salaries and greater wealth. It installs a destructive competition socially and environmentally speaking, it returns to a discrimination between European producers and accelerate offshoring.

Thirdly, in 2008, Europe was hit by an unprecedented financial, economic and social crisis. To get out of the crisis, the fiscal tool is a must use. For the safety functioning of the internal market, tax harmonization is needed.

Therefore, the Young European Socialists asks European Union and Members' States:

- Harmonization of taxation at European level; Coordination of fiscal policies in the EU to prevent unfair competition and its direct consequence, 'tax optimization';
- Require transparency, multinational companies should transmit their accounts and their numbers to the administration by country;
- Promote an ambitious agenda in international forums (G20, G8, OECD) and introduce objective of good fiscal governance in all texts, national and international;
- Introduce automatic exchange of tax information with third countries;
- Develop at European level a blacklist of tax havens based on stricter criteria;
- Negotiate tax treaties with third countries at European level and prohibit any kind of

special agreement between States and companies in their taxation. The law must apply the same for all;

- Tax all financial transactions including the place of residence, including derivative products, which unbalance the economy, instead of helping its development
- Taxation on capital as more as on workers and consumers
- Introduction to all Member States of the transaction tax financial (FTT)
- Establish an action plan to fight against tax evasion and fraud.
- A European code of conduct on tax practices
- Severely condemn physical or moral persons who evade voluntarily taxes to increase their wealth and/or to avoid paying inheritance taxes.

By this resolution, the Young European Socialists marks its willingness to take concrete actions and to campaign against tax evasion.