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Concerning: Dialogue with the Dutch House of Representatives

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Dear Mrs. President Lagarde,

Last year, we formally invited you to the Dutch House of Representatives for an exchange of views with the Finance committee. Unfortunately, the months thereafter have been developing quite differently than expected. All of our agendas have been occupied with the handling of the COVID-19 crisis. For understandable reasons a meeting has not yet been possible.

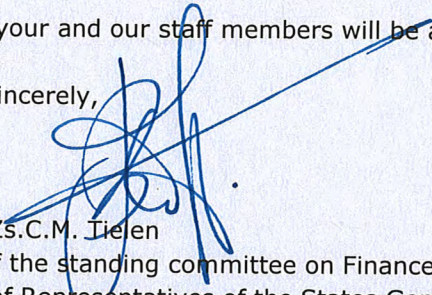
At the same time, monetary policy and the direction taken by the ECB as well as the more structural changes we see in our economies continue to be very relevant topics in the Netherlands. Our members of parliament continue to receive many questions from the public and societal groups on issues that directly relate to ECB policies. In these exceptional times, monetary policy decisions are not always easy to understand and sometimes perceived as contradictory. We understand that the ECB is also undergoing a strategic review of its policy and is debating its role in new policy areas, such as greening the financial system and supporting a sustainable recovery. Your role as the monetary authority and our role as a national fiscal authority are increasingly interconnected. We therefore consider a dialogue between these two as very valuable.

In your confirmation hearing in the European Parliament we were pleased to hear you say you also firmly believe in dialogue and exchange to sustain public trust in central banks and support for their independence. In this context, we hope your agenda will allow for us to have the opportunity to have this exchange of thoughts.

We propose to organize this in a digital way to ensure it is COVID-safe and potentially more practically feasible as well.

I hope your and our staff members will be able to find a suitable date in the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Chair of the standing committee on Finance  
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