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Dear Ministers,  
dear Secretary-General,

With a legislative package to comprehensively combat money laundering and terrorist financing, we as the European Union have set ourselves the goal of taking a global leadership role in protecting the integrity of the financial system. Establishing a designated Anti-Money Laundering Authority (AMLA) with a European perspective is an essential component of this. I am convinced that the financial centre of Frankfurt will be a perfect fit for AMLA (to find out more, visit [www.frankfurt-aml.a.eu](http://www.frankfurt-aml.a.eu)). That is why we, the federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt see it as our duty to provide AMLA with a new home in Frankfurt. With this in mind, Chancellor Olaf Scholz has already approached the President of the European Commission, the President of the European Parliament and the Prime Minister of Sweden, which currently holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

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Page 2 The entire German government fully supports the enhancement of the anti-money laundering regime in the European Union and has advocated successfully in negotiations at the European level for a powerful authority with an independent decision-making structure. But a strong AMLA also needs a strong, suitable and sustainable location.

As Germany's Federal Minister of Finance, the fight against financial crime is also a special personal concern of mine since it is essential for fair competition, social cohesion and the integrity of our financial system. I would therefore like to emphasise the extent of our efforts to actively and effectively combat money laundering and terrorism financing at both - national and European level.

Combating money laundering is a top priority for Germany and we take this fight very seriously. That is why, on my initiative, we are setting up a new national authority, the *Bundesamt zur Bekämpfung von Finanzkriminalität*, or BBF, to combat financial crime. This new authority will be established in 2024 and will be responsible for fighting financial crime within Germany as well as effective sanctions enforcement. To this end, it will merge together financial crime analysis, investigation and supervision under one roof. As regards the latter, it will be equipped with strategic and operational competencies to coordinate the national supervisory authorities - especially in the non-financial sector. With this, the BBF will be a direct point of contact for AMLA as its national counterpart. Only by working hand in hand in the fight against money laundering can we protect the European financial system and the integrity of the internal market and ensure close cooperation between the national and European levels.

I am at your disposal if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

