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Mr Marco Zanni and Mr Marco Valli Members of the European Parliament European Parliament 60, rue Wiertz B-1047 Brussels

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Re: Your letter (QZ-137)

Honourable Members of the European Parliament, dear Mr Zanni, dear Mr Valli,

Thank you for your letter, which was passed on to me by Mr Roberto Gualtieri, Chairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, accompanied by a cover letter dated 5 October 2015.

The definition of the appropriate statistical treatment – as far as government deficit and debt are concerned – of tax credit certificates or any similar instrument does not fall within the ECB's competence. Therefore, I would kindly refer you to the competent national and/or European authorities.

Yours sincerely, [signed] Mario Draghi

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