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Dear Mr. Moscovici,

Thank you for your letter of 23 November 2015. In the meantime the Greek Parliament has been reconsidering the VAT proposals in a, for independent schools, positive way.

Nevertheless it is however still important for education in Europe as a whole and for Independent Education in particular, to ensure that no other government in the EU would ever be tempted to follow the Greek Government's recent example and try to impose VAT on Independent Schools.

We feel that only the EC and your office in particular, has the power to avert the reoccurrence of such a problem in the future.
A legal opinion from your office making clear that the EC Directives do not allow Governments to impose VAT on schools or a circular to this effect would be much appreciated by independent schools, teachers and parents throughout Europe.

Yours sincerely,

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