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ITCO Intergroup Press Statement on Lux Leaks Whistle-blower Antoine Deltour's Trial

Today marks the end of Luxleaks whistleblowers trial and the ITCO Intergroup would like to express their deepest regret that Antoine Deltour must serve a 12 month suspended sentence and pay a 1500EUR fine so as to be seen as a criminal for having the courage to speak-out about the dodgy tax deals between large corporations and the state of Luxembourg. It was precisely Deltour's bravery for the common cause of honest tax payment that he is now punished for. His conviction will only spur us on in the battle for proper whistleblower protection.

Dennis de Jong, co-chair of the ITCO Intergroup:

"It is very worrying that whistleblowers don't get the protection they need. Today's court decision confirms that rules on whistleblowing are needed and I have therefore launched the initiative for a report on whistleblowing that will be discussed in September".

Deltour was being put on trial by Luxembourg for the disclosure of hundreds of tax agreements between Luxembourg authorities and multinational companies, bringing to light a large-scale tax avoidance planning.

ITCO intergroup Bureau Member Benedek Javor, who was present at the verdict:

"The verdict shows that the existing regulation is clearly insufficient to protect whistle-blowers and thus the European public interest including European taxpayer's money and the environment. We remind the European Commission to urgently act to protect European citizens who have the courage to take huge personal risks for the common good. We expect a legislative proposal this year"

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