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Ruling Commission's Board temporarily not operational

As covered by the press on the morning of 5 May 2017, the Ruling Commission's Board is not operational until further notice.

This is due to a decision by the Council of State dd. 28 April 2017 annulling the appointment of the three French-speaking Board members, Matthieu Bataille, Serge Riga and Véronique Tai. This decision was triggered by an appeal introduced by José Vilain, a former member of the Board. This decision does not affect the appointment of the 3 Dutch-speaking Board members, Steven Vanden Berghe, Guy Girouille and Luc Saliën.

The consequence of this decision is that the Board cannot legally convene and approve ruling requests or issue decisions on tax amnesty requests until the new Royal Decree appointing the French-speaking Board members has been issued.

It goes without saying that the competent authorities are fully aware that the issue must be resolved with minimal delay. However, this suspension of the Board's activities is expected to last probably for an unknown "number of weeks".

On the other hand, the Ruling Commission as such will continue to function as usual. Pre-filing meetings can be organised, files will continue to be examined and prepared for the Board's decision, etc.

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