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Dear Mr Esposito,

I am contacting you in your capacity as Executive Secretary of the Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO) Secretariat, regarding the recommendation from GRECO on the scope of the Register of Consultant Lobbyists.

In your report published in May 2018, GRECO recommended that “the scope of the registry of consultant lobbyists be reconsidered, with a view to i) extending the existing registry of consultant lobbyists (to include third parties operating with “in- house lobbyists”) and ii) including the lobbying of special advisors and senior civil servants involved in policy making”.

I would like to inform you that in light of this recommendation, and as is best practice, the Government will commence post-legislative scrutiny of Part 1 of the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014 Act (the Act) in 2020.

Part 1 of the Act created a statutory requirement for an individual, or organisation, to register if they wish to undertake paid consultant lobbying on behalf of a third party. It also established the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists to oversee the administration of the Register.

The Government is confident that the Office of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists is effectively delivering upon its statutory responsibilities and working well in enacting the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Libraries of both Houses.

Yours sincerely,

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