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Dear Ms. Lagarde,

On 30 December 2019, the ECB gave its opinion on the Dutch anti-money laundering action plan act.¹ This draft law has been discussed and voted on in the House of Representatives (Tweede Kamer) of the Dutch Parliament on the 24th of September 2024. During the vote, an amendment was made to this draft law by introducing an obligation to accept cash for payments.

As this amendment relates to the acceptance of banknotes and coins denominated in euro, it seems to be within the field of competence of the European Central Bank pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Council Decision 98/415/EC of 29 June 1998 on the consultation of the European Central Bank by national authorities regarding draft legislative provisions.

Therefore, I would like to request the European Central Bank to adopt an opinion on the amendment. The amended law is currently subject to discussion in the Senate (Eerste Kamer). To make sure that the ECB opinion can be part of the discussion in the Senate, I would appreciate it if I could receive your opinion within four weeks.

I thank you in advance and look forward to receiving your opinion.

Yours sincerely,
The Minister of Finance,

E. Heinen

¹ CON/2019/46.