



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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CMPT 4**

"I" ITEM NOTE

from: Working Party on General Affairs
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

Subject: Letter from the Secretary-General of the European Court of Auditors on the partial renewal of the members of the Court of Auditors
Approval of a reply (*)

1. On 11 April 2013, the Secretary-General of the European Court of Auditors addressed a letter to the Council on the timetable for the partial renewal of the members of the Court of Auditors (see Annex I).
2. The Working Party on General Affairs examined the matter at its meeting on 26 April 2013 and prepared a draft reply (see Annex II).
3. It is suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee approve the attached letter, in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure (Article 19(7)(k)).

(*) Item on which a procedural decision may be adopted by Coreper pursuant to Article 19(7)(k) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.



COUR DES COMPTES EUROPÉENNE

Eduardo RUIZ GARCÍA
Secrétaire général

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Luxembourg, le 11 AVR. 2013
SGL002738FR01-13PP.docMonsieur Eamon GILMORE
Président du Conseil
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Monsieur le Président,

Je me permets d'attirer votre attention sur l'échéance du mandat de sept Membres de la Cour des comptes européenne au 31 décembre 2013, à savoir :

M. David BOSTOCK (UK)
M. Ioannis SARMAS (EL)
M. Michel CRETIN (FR)
M. Harald NOACK (DE)
M. Henri GRETHEN (LU)
M. Gijjs DE VRIES (NL)
M. Harald WÖGERBAUER (AU)

Je vous prie également de bien vouloir noter que le mandat de M. Ovidiu ISPIR (RO) est venu à échéance le 31 décembre 2012. Néanmoins, la procédure de nomination pour son remplacement n'a pas encore été entamée.

Je vous serai reconnaissant de bien vouloir m'informer du calendrier qui sera établi en vue des nominations nécessaires.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'expression de ma très haute considération.

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(draft reply)

Brussels,

Mr Eduardo RUIZ GARCÍA
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Sir,

In reply to your letter of 11 April 2013 concerning the nomination of members to replace seven members of the Court of Auditors who will reach the end of their term of office on 31 December 2013, I inform you that the General Secretariat of the Council has already requested the Member States concerned to send their proposals no later than 31 July 2013.

In order to ensure continuity of the Court of Auditor's work, the Council Decision appointing the members of the Court should be adopted no later than December 2013. To that end, the procedure for the appointment of the members should start in sufficient time for the Council to take its decision to consult the European Parliament early in September 2013.

(Complimentary close.)

Chairman of COREPER