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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - MT nominee

Delegations will find attached a letter dated 5 May 2016 from Ms Marlene BONNICI, Permanent Representative of Malta, addressed to Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.



*Ir-Rappreżentant Permanenti*

*The Permanent Representative*

Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen  
Secretariat General of the Council  
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05 May 2016

Dear *Jeppe*,

**Nomination for the post of Member of the Court of Auditors**

I refer to the request by the Council Secretariat for the Maltese Government to forward its nomination for the post of member of the Court of Auditors.

The Maltese Government has decided to nominate Leo Brincat for the post of Member of the Court of Auditors for the 2016- 2022 term.

Enclosed please find his curriculum vitae.

Yours Sincerely

Marlene Bonnici  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Copy: Permanent Secretary, Ministry for European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto

Enclosures: Curriculum Vitae

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## **LEO BRINCAT - NOMINEE FOR EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS**

### **EDUCATION:**

- Qualified as an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers London. Elected Fellow of the same Institute, which is now called the Institute of Financial Services. The course subjects included among others: Law Relating to Banking; Finance of Foreign Trade; Economics; The Practice of Banking
- My mother tongue is Maltese, am proficient in English and Italian, and have very basic knowledge of French

### **PROFESSIONAL POLITICAL ACTIVITY:**

- Minister for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change: March 2013 – April 2016
- Member of the Environment & Development Committee: House of Representatives: December 2010 – January 2013
- Member of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee: House of Representatives: June 2008 – January 2013
- Member of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee: House of Representatives: October 2003 – February 2008
- Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee: House of Representatives: June 2003 – October 2003
- Chairperson of the National Audit Office Accounts Committee: March 1999 – February 2003
- Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee: House of Representatives: October 1998 – February 2003
- Minister for Finance and Commerce: March 1997 – September 1998
- Minister for Commerce: October 1996 – March 1997
- Member of the Public Accounts Committee: House of Representatives: April 1995 – July 1996
- An active member of the pre-accession Malta-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) since its inception in July 1992. The committee stopped functioning upon Malta's accession to the EU
- Parliamentary Secretary at the Office of the Prime Minister: 1986 – 1987

## **PROFESSIONAL CORPORATE ACTIVITY:**

- Management Consultant in the Corporate Sector (mainly in tourist related leisure and hospitality areas) on financial internal controls and compliance: January 2007 – March 2013
- Head Corporate Research, Corporate Strategy Department, HSBC Bank Malta plc: September 1998 – December 2006
- Joined Barclays Bank DCO in 1966, which subsequently became Barclays Bank International, Mid-Med Bank Ltd and HSBC Bank Malta plc: during which period I was employed in various areas of banking activities that included Retail, Foreign Exchange, Lending and Executive Management

## **RELATED EXPERIENCES:**

- Member of the first ever national cross-party committee set up in 1995 to introduce transparency and regulation of Political Parties' Financing, known as the Galdes Commission. This committee involved various stakeholders and paved the way for the eventual Political Parties' Financing legislation 20 years later
- During my term of office as Minister of Finance and Commerce, the National Audit Office assumed its full independence by becoming part of the Office of the Parliament of Malta (the functions and powers of the Auditor General and the role of the NAO are defined by Section 108 of the Constitution of Malta and the Auditor General and National Audit Office Act of 1997)
- Founder member and Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee within the House of Representatives, which is a body that strengthens the relationship between the National Audit Office and the Parliament
- During the formative days of the Public Accounts Committee, I visited and had meetings with officials of the National Audit Office of the United Kingdom and the Public Accounts Committee within the UK Parliament
- Drew up Malta's first ever Strategy and Action Plan on Green Growth - GREENING OUR ECONOMY: ACHIEVING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE - which is currently subject to an economic evaluation following extensive consultations
- Introduced Climate Action legislation in Malta that caters for the establishment of the first ever Climate Action Fund in Malta
- Was directly engaged in COP21 process, from the informal pre-COP Ministerial meetings to the signing of the Paris Accord in New York City, with emphasis on Climate Finance. I was also involved in negotiations and consultations with the European Commissioner for Climate Action in Paris COP21 on Loss and Damage associated with climate change impacts

- Participated actively in preparatory work for the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU, including good governance in the environment sector, while also engaging myself in various technical meetings linked to the Trio Presidency together with the Netherlands and Slovakian counterparts
- Was instrumental in setting up the new Environment and Resources Authority in Malta, which is a regulatory watch dog. For the first time, this new Authority, which used to be merely a Directorate for Environment, includes representation chosen by environmental NGOs and the Opposition Party
- During my term of office, Malta ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in GLOBAL METRICS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT – The Yale Centre for Environmental Law & Policy ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE INDEX on high priority environmental issues