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## **NOTE**

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Request for cessation of term of office as Member of the European Court of Auditors
	- Draft reply

- On 20 May 2016, Mr Vítor CALDEIRA, President of the Court of Auditors, addressed his 1. letter of resignation as member of the Court of Auditors to the Council<sup>1</sup>.
- 2. Delegations will find attached a draft reply to this letter.

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(draft reply)

Brussels,

Mr Vítor Caldeira

President

**European Court of Auditors** 

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Dear Mr CALDEIRA,

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 20 May 2016 submitting your resignation as a member of the Court of Auditors in accordance with Article 286 TFEU.

The Secretary-General of the Council already launched the procedure for the appointment of your successor and a candidate should be presented before 1 July 2016.

To ensure the continuity of the European Court of Auditor's work, the Council Decision appointing the new Portuguese member of the ECA will be adopted in the most expedient way, taking into account the time needed for the Portuguese Government to present its candidate, for the Council to take its decision to consult the European Parliament and for the European Parliament to prepare and hold the hearing of the candidate and to deliver its opinion.

Please note that pursuant to Article 286(5), third subparagraph, of the TFEU, members of the Court of Auditors shall remain in office until they have been replaced.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman of COREPER