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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject: Request for cessation of term of office as Member of the European Court of Auditors
- Approval of a letter

1. On 20 May 2016, Mr Vítor CALDEIRA, President of the Court of Auditors, addressed his letter of resignation as member of the Court of Auditors to the Council¹.
2. The Working Party on General Affairs examined the matter at its meeting on 17 June 2016 and prepared a draft reply (see Annex).
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)).

¹ 9424/16 INST 234 CMPT 10

(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 the procedure for the replacement of members of the European Court of Auditors, set out in Article 286 of the TFEU, applies.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman of COREPER