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**INST 251  
CMPT 12**

**'I/A' ITEM NOTE**

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft Council Decision appointing three members of the European Court of Auditors  
- Adoption

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1. Pursuant to Article 286 (2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Council, after consulting the European Parliament, shall adopt the list of Members of the Court of Auditors drawn up in accordance with the proposals made by each Member State, for a term of six years.
2. In accordance with Article 286 (5) second subparagraph, a vacancy caused by resignation shall be filled for the remainder of the Member's term of office.
3. The term of office of the Maltese member of the Court of Auditors, Mr Louis GALEA, expired on 6 May 2016. The Council consulted the European Parliament on 17 May 2016 on the appointment of Mr Leo BRINCAT, proposed by the Government of Malta, as new member of the Court of Auditors (8699/16 INST 196 CMPT 7).
4. The term of office of the Cypriot member of the Court of Auditors, Mr Lazaros S. LAZAROU expires on 1 November 2016. The Council consulted the European Parliament on 25 May 2016 on the re-appointment of Mr Lazaros S. LAZAROU, proposed by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus (9186/16 INST 225 CMPT 8).

5. By letter of 20 May 2016, Mr Vítor Manuel da SILVA CALDEIRA, Portuguese member and President of the Court of Auditors, announced his resignation. The Council consulted the European Parliament on 6 July 2016 on the appointment of Mr João Alexandre TAVARES GONÇALVES DE FIGUEIREDO, proposed by the Government of Portugal, as new member of the Court of Auditors (10874/16 INST 289 CMPT 15).
  6. The European Parliament delivered its opinion on these appointments on 13 September 2016.
  7. The Committee is therefore invited to suggest that the Council adopt the Decision appointing the above members of the Court of Auditors, as set out in 12050/16 INST 355 CMPT 16 as an item without discussion.
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