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– *Council conclusions (8 November 2016)*

Delegations will find in the annex the Council conclusions on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 17/2016 entitled "The EU institutions can do more to facilitate access to their public procurement", adopted by the Council at its 3495th meeting held on 8 November 2016.

COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 17/2016: The EU institutions can do more to facilitate access to their public procurement

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION:

1. WELCOMES the Court of Auditors' special report on the public procurement of the EU institutions and how to increase the number of potential tenderers.
2. WELCOMES the finding that the EU institutions have robust systems and capable staff to keep the risk of error and irregularities in their procurement procedures under control.
3. ACKNOWLEDGES that an increase of potential contractors available to the EU institutions would result in better value for money and at the same time it would develop market opportunities for companies.
4. TAKES NOTE that the EU institutions are in favour of most of the recommendations of the Court of Auditors subject in some cases to the result of a cost-benefit analysis.
5. INTENDS to examine, in the context of the legislative procedure to revise the Financial Regulation, the scope for addressing the Court of Auditors' recommendations as appropriate.
6. INVITES the Court of Auditors to keep the Council updated in the coming years on the progress made by the EU institutions, especially in the area of widening the participation of tenderers in their procurement procedures.