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INFORMATION NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: Partial renewal of the members of the Court of Auditors (2018)
- Procedure

1. The term of office of eight members of the Court of Auditors will expire on 28 February 2018, and that of one member on 31 December 2018.
2. Article 286(1) and (2), first subparagraph, (TFEU) state that:

"1. The Members of the Court of Auditors shall be chosen from among persons who belong or have belonged in their respective States to external audit bodies or who are especially qualified for this office. Their independence must be beyond doubt.

2. The Members of the Court of Auditors shall be appointed for a term of six years. The Council, after consulting the European Parliament, shall adopt the list of Members drawn up in accordance with the proposals made by each Member State. The term of office of the Members of the Court of Auditors shall be renewable".
3. In his letter dated 3 April 2017 (see Annex I to this note), the Secretary General of the Court of Auditors draws the attention of the President of the Council to the fact that nine members of the Court will be reaching the end of their term of office in 2018 and asks to be informed about the timetable for appointing members to replace them.

4. In order to ensure continuity of the Court of Auditors' work, the Council Decisions appointing the members of the Court should be adopted no later than the end of January 2018 (eight members) and the end of November 2018 (one member) respectively.

To that end, the procedure for the appointment of the members should start in sufficient time for the Council to take its decision to consult the European Parliament in October 2017 and in July 2018 respectively. The Member States concerned should therefore send their proposals to the General Secretariat no later than **16 September 2017** and **16 June 2018** respectively¹.

5. The Member States should send a letter with their proposals accompanied by the candidate's *curriculum vitae*, which should not contain any personal data (e.g. marital status, family situation, home address, etc.) in an Annex I. The candidate's contact details should be given in an Annex II.

Delegations are requested to also e-mail their proposals in **Word format**, to **nominations@consilium.europa.eu**.

The letter and curriculum vitae will become part of a document that will be available to the public.

6. Delegations will find a draft reply to the letter from the President of the European Court of Auditors in Annex II to this note. This draft reply is to be approved by COREPER in accordance with Article 19(7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

¹ A letter, as set out in Annex III, will be sent to the Member States concerned in due course.



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Secrétaire général

Luxembourg, le 3 avril 2017
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Monsieur le Président,

Je me permets d'attirer votre attention sur l'échéance du mandat de neuf Membres de la Cour des comptes européenne au cours de l'année 2018, à savoir:

Au 28 février 2018

M. Karel PINXTEN (Belgique)
M. Hans Gustaf WESSBERG (Suède)
M. Pietro RUSSO (Italie)
M. Ville ITÄLÄ (Finlande)
M. Kevin CARDIFF (Irlande)
M. Baudilio TOMÉ MUGURUZA (Espagne)
Mme Bettina JAKOBSEN (Danemark)
M. João FIGUEIREDO (Portugal)

Au 31 décembre 2018

Mme Iliana IVANOVA (Bulgarie)

Je vous serais reconnaissant de bien vouloir m'informer du calendrier qui sera établi en vue des nominations nécessaires à ces deux dates.

Je reste à votre disposition pour tout renseignement complémentaire.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'expression de ma très haute considération.

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(draft reply)

Brussels,

Mr Eduardo RUIZ GARCÍA

Secretary General

European Court of Auditors

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Sir,

In reply to your letter of 3 April 2017 concerning the nomination of members to replace nine members of the Court of Auditors, eight of whom will reach the end of their term of office on 28 February 2018 and one on 31 December 2018, I inform you that the General Secretariat of the Council has requested the Member States concerned to send their proposals no later than 16 September 2017 and 16 June 2018 respectively.

In order to ensure continuity of the Court of Auditor's work, the Council Decisions appointing the members of the Court should be adopted no later than the end of January 2018 (eight members) and the end of November 2018 (one member) respectively. To that end, the procedure for the appointment of the members should start in sufficient time for the Council to take its decision to consult the European Parliament in October 2017 and in July 2018 respectively.

(Complimentary close.)

Chairman of COREPER

(draft letter)

Brussels,

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Sir, Madam,

I would like to inform you that the term of office of Mr/Ms X as a member of the Court of Auditors will expire on (28 February 2018/31 December 2018).

Therefore I should be much obliged if you could inform the General Secretariat of the Council of your proposal for a candidate for this post and send his or her curriculum vitae together with, on a separate sheet, his or her relevant contact details.

I should be grateful if you could forward your proposal in sufficient time for the Council to take its decision to consult the European Parliament in (October 2017/July 2018). To ensure continuity of the Court of Auditors' work, the Council Decision appointing the members of the Court should be adopted in (January 2018/November 2018). Member States' proposals should therefore be sent to the General Secretariat of the Council by (16 September 2017/16 June 2018). Note that your letter and the curriculum vitae will become part of a document that will be available to the public.

For your information, the European Parliament's Resolution on the procedure to be followed when Parliament is consulted on the appointment of members of the Court of Auditors, is available on <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+TA+P7-TA-2014-0060+0+DOC+PDF+V0//EN>.

I would remind you that the legal basis for appointments of members of the Court of Auditors is Article 286(2) TFEU.

(Complimentary close).

For the Secretary-General

Jim CLOOS