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from:	Mr Peter TEMPEL, Permanent Representative of Germany to the European Union
received on:	18 November 2013
to:	Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - DE nominee

Delegations will find attached a translation of letter dated 15 November 2013 from Mr Peter TEMPEL, Permanent Representative of Germany to the European Union.

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Mr Uwe Corsepius
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15 November 2013

Dear Mr Corsepius,

The term of office of Mr Harald NOACK, the German member of the European Court of Auditors, comes to an end on 31 December 2013.

In accordance with Article 286(2) TFEU, the Federal Government hereby proposes that he be replaced by Mr Klaus-Heiner LEHNE.

Mr LEHNE has been a Member of the European Parliament since 1994; he has chaired the Committee on Legal Affairs and the Conference of Committee Chairs of the European Parliament since 2009. From 1992 to 1994 he was a member of the German Bundestag, where, amongst other things, he sat on the Legal Affairs Committee and the Trust Agency (*Treuhand*) Investigation Committee. Mr LEHNE is thus eminently qualified to be a Member of the European Court of Auditors. The curriculum vitae in Annex I shows the other stages in his career. His work both as an elected member of parliament and also in the private sector guarantees the complete independence essential for a Member of the European Court of Auditors.

I should be grateful if you would approve the Federal Government's proposal and set in motion the procedure for a decision on consulting the European Parliament.

Yours sincerely,
(signature)

ANNEX I

Curriculum vitae of Klaus-Heiner LEHNE

Born in Düsseldorf on 28 October 1957

Education and professional activity

1976	School-leaving examination in Erkrath
1976 - 1978	Studied physics and philosophy in Düsseldorf
1978 - 1983	Studied law in Freiburg, Cologne and Bonn
1980	Studied in Berkeley, USA
1983	1st degree in law (<i>Staatsexamen</i>) in Düsseldorf
1986	2nd degree in law (<i>Staatsexamen</i>) in Düsseldorf
since 1986	Practising law in Düsseldorf, currently a partner at Taylor-Wessing

Public offices and duties

1977-1979	Local councillor for the Mitte district, Düsseldorf
1984-1992	City councillor in Düsseldorf, amongst other things sitting on the finance, audit, youth welfare and planning committees, and on the supervisory council for municipal works
1992-1994	Member of the German Bundestag, amongst other things sitting on the legal affairs and transport committees, and a member of the trust agency (<i>Treuhand</i>) investigation committee and the SED inquiry
Since 1994	Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Committee on Legal Affairs
1999-2009	Coordinator of the EPP Group in the Committee on Legal Affairs
Since 2009	Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs

Teaching

Since 2004	Lectures on European law at the Universities of Düsseldorf and Cologne
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