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From: Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Ambassador, Permanent
Representative of Denmark to the EU

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To Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS, Secretary-General of the Council of the European
Union

Subject: Appointment of a Danish member to the Court of Auditors

Delegations will find attached the letter from the Danish Permanent Representation proposing Ms Bettina Michelle JAKOBSEN to be a member of the European Court of Auditors, as well as an English translation of her CV.

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27 April 2015

Dear Secretary General, *Dear Uwe,*

I am pleased to advise you that the Danish Parliament has nominated, in accordance with TFEU Article 286(5), Ms Bettina Michelle Jakobsen to be a member of the European Court of Auditors to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr Henrik Otbo.

I enclose a copy of Ms Jakobsen's curriculum vitae.

Yours sincerely,


Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Bettina Michelle Jakobsen

age 51

EDUCATION

Master of Public Governance (MPG), University of Copenhagen and Copenhagen Business School (CBS), 2012

Various Djøf-certificated management courses (Djøf – Danish Union of Jurists and Economists)

KIOL – course in public management, 2004-2005

Diploma in Business Administration – modules, Copenhagen Business School, 1993-1995

Degree in Law, University of Copenhagen, 1990

University entrance qualification – specialisation in modern languages, Espergærde

Amtsgymnasium, 1982

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Auditor General (salary grade 39), the Danish National Audit Office, from 1 October 2009

Assistant Auditor General (salary grade 38), the Danish National Audit Office, from 17 May 2005

Director (salary grade 37), the Danish National Audit Office, from 1 June 2002

Auditor, the International Board of Auditors for NATO, NATO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium, 1997-2002

Special advisor, the Danish National Audit Office, 1996

Head of Section, the Danish National Audit Office, 1 May 1990

Administrator, Copenhagen City Council, February – May 1990

During studies:

- Student assistant, Copenhagen City Council's secretariat
- Volunteer, Police Commissioner's office, Frederikssund
- Student assistant, Advokaterne Bredgade 3 (law firm), Copenhagen

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013 – to date

Assistant Auditor General heading the Citizens' Department, which is responsible for performing audits in key citizen-related areas, i.e. the Ministry of Employment, the Ministry of Children, Gender Equality, Integration and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Interior, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs and the Ministry of Culture. Financial, compliance and performance audits of six ministries, central government repayments to municipalities and region performance audits. Management of four directors and around 50 members of staff. Member of the Danish National Audit Office's management team (executive board).

As Assistant Auditor General, I have been responsible, amongst other things, for various citizen-related reports to the Public Accounts Committee, covering for instance: women's shelters, measures taken to help the homeless, case-processing times in state administrative bodies, incorrect social security payments, integration measures, supervision of mental health in the work place and research resources in hospitals.

As Assistant Auditor General, I have been responsible for drawing up reports to the Public Accounts Committee on the auditing of State accounts for 2013 and 2014.

2010-2013

Assistant Auditor General for Section A (reports section) with responsibility for the preparation of major surveys carried out in the Ministry of Business and Growth, the Ministry of Employment, the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of Housing, Urban and Rural Affairs, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Building, the Ministry of the Environment, as well as performance audits in the five national regions. Management of four directors and around 40 members of staff. Member of the Danish National Audit Office's management team (executive board).

As Assistant Auditor General, I was responsible, amongst other things, for various reports to the Public Accounts Committee, covering for instance: the objectives and results of and follow-up to cancer treatment, the State's protection of groundwater from pesticides, the building of hospitals, the allocation of an individual State guarantee to Amagerbanken and the effect of activating recipients of social benefits who are not ready to join the labour market.

2005-2009

Assistant Auditor General for Section C (annual audits section) with responsibility for financial and compliance audits of the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Building as well as nationwide pay audits carried out by the Danish National Audit Office. Management of four or five directors and around 55 members of staff. Member of the Danish National Audit Office's management team (executive board).

As Assistant Auditor General, I was responsible for drawing up reports for the Public Accounts Committee on the auditing of State accounts for 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

As Assistant Auditor General, I was responsible for liaising with the Ministry of Finance, which required comprehensive knowledge of developments in financial management, administration and Treasury management.

2002-2005

As director of Unit C3 at the Danish National Audit Office, I was responsible for the financial and compliance audits of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Transport and Energy, the Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs as well as of half of the Ministry of Science. I was directly responsible for 17 members of staff.

1997-2002

Auditor at the International Board of Auditors for NATO, Brussels. I was the first Danish national to fill such a position for 27 years and the first woman ever to work as an auditor at NATO. The work included the financial, compliance and performance audits of the various NATO organisations and projects. It also comprised audits carried out on NATO's NSIP infrastructure programmes, which involved extensive travel across all NATO member states. Good knowledge of international auditing and accounting standards and use of English and French as working languages. Considerable practical and professional experience in an international organisation.

1993-1997

Financial, compliance and performance audits of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Science.

1990-1993

Head of Section, National Audit Office of Denmark. Financial, compliance and performance audits for the Ministry of Culture and the Nordic Council institutions. Participation in Nordic cooperation between national audit offices.

February – May 1990:

Administrator in the Municipality of Copenhagen

Legal casework, including the registration of mortgages and loans.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014 – 2017: Appointed by the European Investment Bank (EIB) as a member of the Audit Committee of the European Investment Fund (EIF) in Luxembourg. The EIF has a balance-sheet total of more than EUR 2 billion in 2014 and finances small and medium-sized enterprises in Europe through guarantees and venture capital. The Audit Committee is responsible inter alia for verifying that the Fund's activities are organised in an appropriate way and are properly audited. The Audit Committee cooperates with the European Court of Auditors in audits of various projects, etc. For further information, please see www.eif.org.

May 2013: Keynote speaker at the World Bank and African Development Bank Conference in Abu Dhabi on public financial management development in the Arab region.

2012 – 2016: Designated by the Auditor General as Chair of the INTOSAI Professional Standards Committee (PSC), which draws up public auditing standards applicable to national audit offices throughout the world. In addition to my tasks as Vice-Chair of the Committee, the focus is on developing a sustainable organisation in order to ensure that INTOSAI (International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions) has a professional and robust structure for the development of public auditing standards. The PSC's work is described in more detail in the note from the National Audit Office of Denmark to the Danish Public Accounts Committee dated November 2012 (enclosed).

2011 – 2017: Appointed by the Minister for Economic Affairs and Business as the Danish member of the Audit Committee of the European Investment Bank (EIB) in Luxembourg. The EIB is the European Union's bank, with a balance-sheet total of over EUR 542 billion in 2014. The Audit Committee performs a governance function and is responsible inter alia for verifying that the EIB's activities are conducted in a transparent and proper manner, that the Bank has adequate risk management and the requisite internal controls, and that it conforms to best banking practice. The Audit Committee cooperates with the European Court of Auditors in audits of projects, etc. For further information, please see www.eib.org.

2008 – 2011: Danish member and elected chair of a newly established audit committee at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, an organisation whose remit includes the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. Responsibilities included advising the Council of Europe and the Secretary-General on audit-related matters, ensuring effective and proper management and financial governance and facilitating coordination between internal and external audits.

2007 – 2012: Vice-Chair of the PSC. On behalf of the Auditor General, I chaired the annual meetings of the PSC Steering Committee in Bahrain (2007), Brazil (2009), Copenhagen (2010), New Zealand (2011), Stockholm (2012), Beijing (2013) and Bahrain (2014). Tasks included chairing meetings involving 50-60 international delegates, defining the PSC's strategy and development and developing international standards (ISSAI), norms and principles for auditing in the public sector.

2007: Presenter at the World Bank's transition seminar for developing countries in Washington, focusing on transparency in accounting and the sound administration of public funds.

2006: Presenter at the 2006 IFAC World Congress in Istanbul. Presentation on INTOSAI's work on public auditing standards.

2003 – 2005: Represented INTOSAI in the development of international auditing standards in cooperation with IFAC (International Federation of Accountants), with a special focus on standards for financial statements (e.g. ISA 700).

OTHER EXPERIENCE

2014 – 2015: Chaired a joint working party of the FSR – Danish Auditors and the National Audit Office of Denmark tasked with drawing up common guidelines on the management and auditing of State subsidies and a standard approval procedure for project grants.

2009 and 2011: Organised and hosted the two national conferences on public auditing held by the National Audit Office of Denmark in 2009 and 2011. The 2011 conference focused on the value of auditing in the public sector and aimed to illustrate how auditing can further support development and innovation in that sector.

2008 – 2010: Member of the Danish Accountancy Council, one of whose tasks is to act as a sounding board for the Ministry of Finance in questions concerning the development of the national accounting standards.

Many years' experience as a management mentor in Djøf's mentorship programme, which means that I share my experiences and skills with various mentees, typically new heads.

Fluent English, good working knowledge of French, reasonable level of German.

Previously an active parachutist – now a spectator, opera, literature and gardening.

REFERENCES

Lone Strøm, Auditor General: Tel. **OMISSIS** – mobile **OMISSIS**

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