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Commission statement

concerning the new deadlines concerning the adversarial procedure for the Special Reports of the Court of Auditors (Article 163 and 211 of the Financial Regulation)

"The Commission takes note of the significant reduction – from 10 to 6 weeks – of the period for submitting its replies to the observations of the Court of Auditors for the Special Reports (Article 163 of the Financial Regulation).

The Commission underlines the importance of striking an adequate balance between a reduction of this period and the time needed to analyse and agree recommendations, gather reliable, effective and consistent information ensuring the quality of the audit procedure. The Commission will have to make use of the exceptions provided under Article 163 of the Financial Regulation where duly justified.

The Commission will report on the deadlines applicable to the Special Reports of the Court of Auditors in the context of the general review foreseen by Article 211 of the Financial Regulation."
