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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - SK nominee

Delegations will find attached a letter dated 19 October 2015 from Mr Peter JAVORČIK, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic addressed to the EU to Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary General of the Council of the European Union.

*Permanent Representative
of the Slovak Republic to the EU*

*Peter Javorčík
Ambassador*

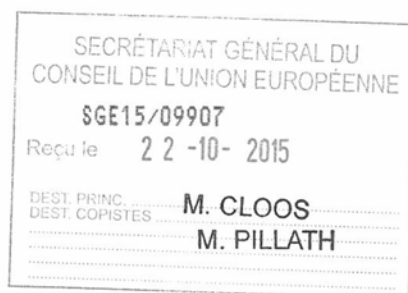
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Slovak Republic has decided to re-nominate Mr. Ladislav BALKO for appointment as a member of the Court of Auditors.

Accordingly, as requested in your letter of 25 June 2015 (ref. SGS15/07680), together with the nomination letter (original) I attach enclosure containing the candidate's curriculum vitae, the candidate's contact details and unofficial translation of the nomination letter.

Yours sincerely,



Sir

Jeppe Tranholm - Mikkelsen
Secretary-General
General Secretariat of the Council
Brussels

Curriculum vitae**Doc. JUDr. Ladislav Balko, PhD**

Born in 1954 in Slepčany, Slovakia.

Graduated in law at Comenius University in Bratislava. Subsequently obtained a doctorate in law and the title of PhD, becoming a lecturer in financial and commercial law.

In 1990 and 1991 he was head lawyer at the Customs Directorate of the Slovak Republic. From 1991 to 1999 he held a number of managerial posts, including that of Deputy Director-General at the largest Slovak commercial bank - Všeobecná úverová banka (VÚB).

From 2001 to 2004 he was a Deputy Governor and member of the Board of the Export-Import Bank of the Slovak Republic, and in 2003 was Chief Operating Officer of the Slovak Investment and Trade Development Agency (SARIO). In 2004, he was appointed a member of the Bank Board - the governing body - of the National Bank of Slovakia (NBS).

Owing to his long experience in the financial sector, in 2006 Dr Balko became financial and foreign investment adviser to the Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic. In this capacity he focused on areas such as the government's management of public finances, the budget, structural funds and other related fields. He also played a contributory role in Slovakia's adoption of the euro.

Dr Balko drafted the *Declaration of Social Agreement to adopt and use the euro in Slovakia* and organised several conferences on the topic. In 2006 he became Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Slovak Guarantee and Development Bank (SZRB), before being appointed Member of the Price Council of the government in 2008.

In addition to his practical activities in the financial sector, as Head of the Financial Law Department of the Faculty of Law at Comenius University in Bratislava, he has lectured on public finance, budget, financial control, tax and customs, currency, foreign exchange operations and financial markets, and has written many scholarly and technical articles on these subjects, as well as several textbooks on financial law.

He became a member of the European Court of Auditors on 7 May 2010. Until 30 January 2014 he was a member of Chamber IV. Dr Balko was responsible for carrying out the statement of assurance (DAS) audit in the area of research and other internal policies and for the performance audit in the same field. In April 2012 he became an alternate member of Chamber IV in the horizontal Coordination, Evaluation, Assurance and Development Chamber (CEAD) and on 1 February 2013 an alternate member of Chamber IV in the Administrative Committee. In addition, from 12 February 2012 he was a member of the Internal Audit Committee, which he chaired from 24 April 2013 until 28 February 2014.

On 1 February 2014 he was appointed a member of Chamber II - Structural Policies, Transport and Energy: he is also rapporteur for the Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion Chapter and responsible for carrying out the DAS audit and the performance audit in the field of regional policy and structural funds. He is the member representing Chamber II in the CEAD Chamber, and has also been rapporteur for several performance audits.