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

Delegations will find attached a letter dated 1 February 2016 from Ms Marlene BONNICI, Permanent Representative of Malta, addressed to Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.



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The Permanent Representative

Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen
Secretariat General of the Council
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1 February 2016

Dear Secretary General *Jeppe,*

Nomination for the post of Member of the Court of Auditors

I refer to the request by the Council Secretariat for the Maltese Government to forward its nomination for the post of member of the Court of Auditors.

The Maltese Government has decided to nominate Dr Toni Abela for the post of Member of the Court of Auditors for the 2016- 2022 term.

Enclosed please find the curriculum vitae and contact details of the nominee.

Yours Sincerely

Marlene Bonnici
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Copy: Permanent Secretary, Ministry for European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto

Attached: Curriculum Vitae
Contact details of the Member of the Court of Auditors

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name ANTHONY (TONI) ABELA
Nationality Maltese
Date of birth 2 JULY 1957

POLITICAL CAREER

- 2008-2016: **DEPUTY LEADER (PARTY AFFAIRS) LABOUR PARTY**
• Main activities and responsibilities Deputy Leader (Party Affairs) Labour Party. Apart from his general responsibilities of running and managing the Party's internal affairs, he also monitored 65 political Labour Party outlets. He also set standards of good governance to 39 Labour Local Councils and saw that these standards are upheld. During his tenure, Labour Party went through radical changes at all levels of organisation.
- Since 2013 has been serving as consultant to the Prime Minister on political, social and legal matters. Also provides legal assistance to the Ministry of Family and Social Affairs. Was instrumental in the introduction of a law to protect vulnerable persons from abuse. Was involved in the drafting of the Whistle Blower Act, the abolishment of prescription in the case of abuse of power and acts of corruption by public officials and the law regulating the financing of political parties.
- 1996-1998 **MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION**
• Main activities and responsibilities The Employment Commission which is an independent judicial body, established under the Constitution that decides matters relating to political discrimination in the industrial relations field.
- 1993-1997 **VICE MAYOR OF HAMRUN**
• Main activities and responsibilities Elected as Vice Mayor of Hamrun, a major town in Malta, and was responsible for law enforcement and management of the citizens' complaints bureau. Introduced the first bye-laws and established the first local Court.
- 1989 **CO-FOUNDER OF ALTERNATTIVA DEMOKRATIKA- GREEN PARTY**
• Main activities and responsibilities Co-founder of Alternattiva Demokratika the Green Party, espousing environmental issues, equality of gender, political transparency and a fairer electoral system with the introduction of a national quota to allow small political parties to be represented in Parliament on the line of the German model. Campaigned in favour of the introduction of the Whistle Blower Act, Freedom of Information Act, the abolishment of the institute of prescription in case of abuse of power and corruption by public officials and the need of a Party Financing Law.
- 1988-1989 **ELECTED TO THE POST OF PRESIDENT OF THE LABOUR PARTY.**
• Main activities and responsibilities Dr.Abela served as the President of the Labour Party between 1988 and 1989.
- 1987 **CONTESTED THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS AS A LABOUR PARTY CANDIDATE.**
• Main activities and responsibilities Toni Abela first stood for the Maltese General elections in 1987
- 1981-1989 **MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BODY OF LABOUR PARTY**
• Main activities and During this period he campaigned in favour of wider civil rights, amongst others, the

responsibilities

right to divorce, political self-criticism and political transparency.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

1984 - onwards

- Name and address of employer
- Main responsibilities

ADVOCATE

Self-employed

Since 1984 to date, he has uninterruptedly worked as lawyer and practised at the bar. He has practised in various legal fields, mostly family law, Constitutional issues, administrative law, procurement regulations and civil and commercial suits. He was behind ground breaking decisions in the protection of minority shareholders in take over suits, Constitutional cases that have changed laws as regards rent laws, matrimonial regimes, civil rights and electoral laws.

1983- onwards

- Name and address of employer
- Main responsibilities

COLUMNIST

L-Orizzont and Sunday newspaper il- Kullhadd

Since 1983 he has been a resident columnist in weekly and daily newspaper in the Maltese Language. He writes mostly about social and political matters. Presently he is also the Editor of a Sunday newspaper.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Dates (from - to)
- Institution
- Title of qualification awarded
- Thesis

1979-1984

University of Malta

Doctor of Law

'The Philosophy of Law

- Dates (from – to)
- Institution
- Title of qualification awarded

1979 – 1983

University of Malta

Notary Public Diploma

LANGUAGES

MOTHER TONGUE

MALTESE

OTHER LANGUAGES

ENGLISH

ITALIAN

FRENCH

- Reading skills

Excellent

Excellent

Good

- Writing skills

Excellent

Excellent

Good

- Verbal skills

Excellent

Excellent

Good