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NOTE

From:	Presidency
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Appointment of the Members of the Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) – <i>Call for applications</i>

Following Council's letter from 15 December 2015¹, whereby it agreed to the procedure and selection criteria proposed by the Commission on 9 December 2015, the European Parliament has also confirmed its agreement.

In order to ensure a fair treatment of all candidates, the three institutions are therefore launching the procedure at the same time. The Commission is publishing the call for expression of interest on the following websites: http://ec.europa.eu/anti_fraud/index_en.htm and <http://europa.eu/supervisory-committee-olaf/>. The European Parliament will also publish a link to the Commission's call for applications. The Council will follow the procedure agreed by the Permanent Representatives Committee on 16 December 2015¹. The deadline for application is 15 April 2016.

Therefore, the Presidency hereby launches the procedure aimed at selecting the persons who will be put forward to the tripartite *ad hoc* group of high level representatives established with the task of elaborating a common proposal of candidates.

Delegations are thus invited, if they so wish, to put forward one candidate each, fulfilling the professional and personal criteria listed in the Annex.

¹ Doc. 15297/15.

The *curricula vitae* of the candidates proposed should be transmitted to the Presidency, via the Antici group, by 15 April 2016 at the latest.

All candidates are strongly encouraged to send their application also via the Commission to the following email address: interest-SC-OLAF@ec.europa.eu.

Subsequently, the Permanent Representatives Committee will seek an agreement on four candidates for the regular list and four candidates for the reserve list to be proposed by the Council to the *ad hoc* group of high level representatives by end of May 2016.

The final decision appointing the five members of the Supervisory Committee of OLAF, as well as the alternate members to be placed on the reserve list, will subsequently be submitted to the Council for approval.

**Professional and personal criteria for the appointment of
the members of the Supervisory Committee of OLAF**

Professional criteria

- Practical and executive experience, preferably including significant related management experience, as a (high ranking) public prosecutor or judge or lawyer or auditor/investigator, ideally specialized in combating economic crime (including EU fraud) and international cooperation, or
- Expertise and management experience with regard to irregularities and fraud in relation to custom matters and European/international cooperation customs; knowledge of the budget and/or administrative experience in managing EU funds, or
- Practical or academic longstanding and high level expertise in protecting fundamental rights in investigations; or
- Practical or academic longstanding and high level expertise in criminal and/or administrative law with regard to the protection of the financial interests of the EU.

Personal criteria

- Should not have a political function when taking his/her function, either at national or European level;
- Should have sufficient general knowledge of the EU institutions, policies, legal framework and working methods;
- Should have the relevant language skills in two official languages of the institutions of the European Union necessary for the performance of the duties (candidates should also indicate their level of knowledge of other official languages);
- Should be sufficiently available to comply with his/her tasks in an efficient way (1.5 days of meeting per month and necessary preparation time);
- Must be independent from the European bodies and institutions.
- Must not be a current member of a national anti-fraud coordination service within the meaning of Article 3 (4) of Regulation 883/2013