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LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION amending Decision 98/481/EC approving the external auditors of the European Central Bank

COUNCIL DECISION

of ...

amending Decision 98/481/EC approving the external auditors of the European Central Bank

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Protocol on the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank annexed to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular to Article 27.1 thereof,

Having regard to Recommendation ECB/2017/42 of the European Central Bank of 15 December 2017 to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of the European Central Bank,¹

¹ OJ C 444, 23.12.2017, p. 1.

Whereas:

- (1) The accounts of the European Central Bank (ECB) and of the national central banks of the Member States whose currency is the euro are to be audited by independent external auditors recommended by the ECB's Governing Council and approved by the Council of the European Union.
- (2) The mandate of the ECB's external auditors ends following the audit for the 2017 financial year. It is therefore necessary to appoint external auditors for the 2018 financial year.
- (3) The ECB has selected Baker Tilly GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft as its external auditors for the financial years 2018 to 2022, with the option of extending the mandate for up to two additional financial years (i.e. to 2023 or to 2024).
- (4) The Governing Council of the ECB recommended that Baker Tilly GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft be appointed as the external auditors of the ECB for the financial years 2018 to 2022, with the option of extending the mandate for up to two additional financial years (i.e. to 2023 or to 2024).
- (5) It is appropriate to follow the recommendation of the Governing Council of the ECB and amend Council Decision 98/481/EC¹ accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ Council Decision of 20 July 1998 approving the external auditors of the European Central Bank (98/481/EC) (OJ L 216, 4.8.1998, p. 7).

Article 1

Article 1 of Decision 98/481/EC is replaced by the following:

"Article 1

Baker Tilly GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft is hereby approved as the external auditors of the ECB for the financial years 2018 to 2022."

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the day of its notification.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the ECB.

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President
