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COVER NOTE

From:	Permanent Representation of Portugal
date of receipt:	11 October 2023
To:	Mr Didier SEEUWS, Director-General for General and Institutional Policy (GIP)
Subject:	Partial renewal of the European Court of Auditors (2024) - PT nomination letter

Delegations will find in the Annex the translation of a letter, dated 11 October 2023, from the Permanent Representation of Portugal to the European Union, addressed to Mr Didier SEEUWS, Director-General for General and Institutional Policy (GIP) of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.

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**PORTUGUESE
REPUBLIC**

PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF PORTUGAL
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

Brussels, 11 October 2023

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, following a hearing in Parliament, the Portuguese Government has decided to nominate João Leão as a member of the European Court of Auditors.

Please find attached the candidate's CV.

(Complimentary close)

The Permanent Representative

Didier Seeuws
Director-General for General and Institutional Policy (GIP)
General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union
Brussels

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JOÃO LEÃO

Nationality: Portuguese

Date and place of birth: 15 February 1974, Lisbon, Portugal

BIOGRAPHY

João Leão is currently Professor of Economics and Public Finance and Vice-Rector at the ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon. His research interests include economic regulation, public finance and macroeconomics.

João Leão was Portugal's Minister of State for Finance from 2020 to 2022 and Secretary of State for Budget from 2015 to 2020.

From 2010 to 2014 he was Director-General of the Research Office of the Ministry of the Economy. Prior to that, he was Professor of Economics at the University Institute of Lisbon and at the Nova School of Business and Economics.

João Leão obtained his PhD in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the USA and his Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Economics from the Nova School of Business and Economics.

As part of his duties as Minister for Finance, he represented Portugal as a Governor of the European Stability Mechanism, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the European Investment Bank, the African Development Bank Group, the Asian Development Bank, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank.

He was also Chair of the ECOFIN Council during the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2021 and Chair of the Board of Governors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development from 2021 to 2022.

EDUCATION

2008 PhD in Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

2003 Master's degree in Economics, Nova School of Business and Economics

1999 Bachelor's degree in Economics, Nova School of Business and Economics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022 – present	Professor of Economics and Public Finance and Vice-Rector at the University Institute of Lisbon
2020 – 2022	Minister of State for Finance
2015 – 2020	Secretary of State for Budget
2014 – 2015, 2008 – 2010	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University Institute of Lisbon

2010 – 2014	Director-General, Research Office of the Ministry of the Economy
2000 – 2008	Assistant, University Institute of Lisbon
1999 – 2000	Junior teaching assistant in Economics, Nova School of Business and Economics

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2021 – 2022	Chair of the Board of Governors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
2020 – 2022	Member of the Board of Governors, European Stability Mechanism; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; European Investment Bank; African Development Bank; Asian Development Bank; Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank; Inter-American Development Bank; World Bank
2021	Chair of the ECOFIN Council during the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union
2010 – 2014	Member of the Economic and Social Council
2010 – 2014	Member of the Superior Statistics Council
2010 – 2013	Member of the General Council of the University Institute of Lisbon
2009 – 2013	PhD programme director for Economics at the University Institute of Lisbon
2009 – 2010	Chair of the Scientific Council of the Department of Economics, University Institute of Lisbon