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| From: | Ms Ilze JUHANSONE, Secretary-General of the European Commission |
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| To: | Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union |
| Subject: | Consultation on new members of the European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC) |

Delegations will find attached a letter from the Secretary General of the European Commission addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of the European Union concerning the appointment of eight new members of the ESAC (European Statistical Advisory Committee).

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Subject: Consultation on new members of the European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC)

Dear Secretary-General, Dear Thérèse,

The European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC) was established by Decision No 234/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 to assist the European Parliament, the Council, and the Commission in ensuring that user requirements and the costs borne by information providers and producers are taken into account in coordinating the strategic objectives and priorities of the Community's statistical information policy.

The Committee consists of 24 members. In accordance with Article 4(1)(a) of the above-mentioned Decision on ESAC, twelve members are appointed by the Commission after consulting the European Parliament and the Council. With a view to their appointment, each Member State has been invited to provide the Commission with a list of three candidates with a well-established qualification in the field of statistics.

Moreover, there are eleven ESAC members appointed directly by the institutions and bodies to which they belong. The Director-General of Eurostat is member *ex-officio*.

As the term of eight ESAC members appointed by the Commission will come to end in May 2024, the Commission has collected from the Member States their proposals for candidates, analysed them and established a list of eight candidates for the opinion of the Council before the appointment by the Commission.

The following three current members wish to continue ESAC membership in their 2nd term and have been proposed by the respective Member State:

1. Marie BOHATA, Czech Republic
2. Audronė JAKAITIENE, Lithuania
3. Peter VAN DER HEIJDEN, The Netherlands

The following candidates are proposed to be appointed by the Commission:

4. Arne C. BATHKE, Austria
5. Kai CARSTENSEN, Germany

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6. Jani EROLA, Finland
7. Jānis HERMANIS, Latvia
8. Pedro MAGALHAES, Portugal

The CVs of the preselected candidates are attached.

I would be very grateful if you could provide us with your opinion by 21 June 2024.

If after this date, we have had no comments from you we will assume that you are in agreement with our proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Ilze JUHANSONE

Enclosure: CVs of preselected candidates

c.c.: Ms Mariana Kotzeva, Director-General of Eurostat