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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Partial renewal of the European Court of Auditors (2025)
	- Approval of a letter

1. By letter of 16 May 2024¹, the Secretary General of the European Court of Auditors (ECA) informed the Council of the end of the term of office of the following members of the ECA:

- Mr Viorel ȘTEFAN (Romania), on 30 June 2025;
- Ms Ivana MALETIĆ (Croatia), on 14 July 2025.

In the same letter, the ECA also informed the Council that the post of the Bulgarian member, vacant since 19 September 2023, expires on 31 December 2024.

2. Article 286(1) and (2), first subparagraph, TFEU states that:

"1. The Members of the Court of Auditors shall be chosen from among persons who belong or have belonged in their respective States to external audit bodies or who are especially qualified for this office. Their independence must be beyond doubt.

¹ 10276/24.

2. *The Members of the Court of Auditors shall be appointed for a term of six years. The Council, after consulting the European Parliament, shall adopt the list of Members drawn up in accordance with the proposals made by each Member State. The term of office of the Members of the Court of Auditors shall be renewable".*

3. In order to ensure the continuity of ECA's work, the Bulgarian member of the ECA should be appointed before the end of December 2024 and the Croatian and Romanian members before the end of May 2025.
4. Bulgaria should therefore put forward a proposal for a candidate for member to the General Secretariat of the Council as soon as possible and by **30 September 2024** at the latest, and Croatia and Romania by **31 January 2025** at the latest. To that effect, the General Secretariat of the Council will send a letter to the Member States concerned.
5. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee approve the wording of the reply letter to the Secretary-General of the ECA, as set out in the Annex to this note, in accordance with Article 19(7)(k) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

Draft reply

From: Council of the European Union

To: Secretary-General of the European Court of Auditors

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 16 May 2024 concerning three posts of members of the European Court of Auditors (ECA) whose terms of office will expire in December 2024, and June and July 2025, I have the pleasure to inform you that the General Secretariat of the Council will invite Bulgaria to put forward a nomination for members of the ECA before 30 September 2024 and Croatia and Romania before 31 January 2025.

In order to allow for the timely consultation of the European Parliament and to ensure the continuity of ECA's work, the Council should adopt the Decision appointing the Bulgarian member of the ECA by the end of December 2024 and the Decision appointing the Croatian and Romanian members by the end of May 2025.

(Complimentary close)

Willem VAN DE VOORDE
Chair of the
Permanent Representatives Committee
