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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Partial renewal of the European Court of Auditors (2026) - Approval of a letter

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1. By letter of 2 October 2024<sup>1</sup>, 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 on 31 December 2025:
  - a) Mr Stephanus Abraham BLOK (the Netherlands),
  - b) Mr François-Roger CAZALA (France),
  - c) Ms Joëlle ELVINGER (Luxembourg),
  - d) Mr Nikolaos MILIONIS (Greece).

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<sup>1</sup> 14082/24.

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.*

*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 the ECA's work, the new Members of the ECA should be appointed no later than the end of December 2025.
4. The Member States concerned should therefore send their proposals for candidates to the General Secretariat of the Council as soon as possible and by **31 August 2025** at the latest. To that effect, the General Secretariat of the Council will send a letter to those Member States.
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.
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**Draft reply**

From: Council of the European Union

To: Secretary-General of the European Court of Auditors

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 2 October 2024 concerning four posts of Members of the European Court of Auditors (ECA) whose terms of office will expire on 31 December 2025, I have the pleasure to inform you that the General Secretariat of the Council will invite the Member States concerned to put forward their proposals for Members of the ECA no later than 31 August 2025.

In order to ensure the continuity of the ECA's work, the Council Decision appointing the Members of the Court should be adopted no later than the end of December 2025. To that end, the procedure for the appointment of the Members should start sufficiently early to allow for the timely consultation of the European Parliament.

(Complimentary close)

Bálint ÓDOR  
Chair of the  
Permanent Representatives Committee