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#### 'I' ITEM NOTE

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

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Subject: Partial renewal of the European Court of Auditors (2022)  
- Approval of a letter

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1. By letter of 1 March 2021<sup>1</sup>, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) informed the Council of the end of the term of office of six Members of the ECA:

– end of the term of office on 6 May 2022:

Mr Jan GREGOR (Czech Republic)

Mr Mihails KOZLOVS (Latvia)

Mr Marek OPIOŁA (Poland)

Mr Ladislav BALKO (Slovakia)

Mr Samo JEREB (Slovenia) and

– end of the term of office on 15 June 2022:

Mr Rimantas ŠADŽIUS (Lithuania).

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<sup>1</sup> 6881/21.

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 ECA's work, the new Members of the ECA should be appointed no later than the end of April 2022.

4. Member States concerned should therefore send their proposals to the General Secretariat of the Council no later than **29 October 2021**. 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 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 1 March 2021 concerning six Members of the European Court of Auditors (ECA) whose mandates will expire in May and June 2022, I have the pleasure to inform you that the General Secretariat of the Council will request the Member States concerned to put forward their nominations for Members of the ECA no later than 29 October 2021.

In order to ensure the continuity of ECA's work, the Council Decision appointing the Members of the Court should be adopted no later than the end of April 2022. 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)

Nuno BRITO  
Chair of the  
Permanent Representatives Committee