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LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the Bank of Greece

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2022/...

of ...

**amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks,
as regards the external auditors of the Bank of Greece**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Protocol No 4 on the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 27(1) thereof,

Having regard to the Recommendation of the European Central Bank of 17 February 2022 to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of the Bank of Greece (ECB/2022/3)¹,

¹ OJ C 102, 2.3.2022, p. 1.

Whereas:

- (1) The accounts of the European Central Bank (ECB) and of the national central banks of the Member States whose currency is the euro are to be audited by independent external auditors recommended by the Governing Council of the ECB and approved by the Council of the European Union.
- (2) The mandate of the current external auditors of the Bank of Greece, Deloitte Certified Public Accountants S.A., will end following the audit for the financial year 2021. It is therefore necessary to appoint external auditors from the financial year 2022.
- (3) The Bank of Greece has selected Ernst & Young (Hellas) Certified Auditors Accountants S.A. as its external auditors for the financial years 2022 to 2026, with the option to extend the mandate to the financial years 2027 and 2028.
- (4) The Governing Council of the ECB recommended that Ernst & Young (Hellas) Certified Auditors Accountants S.A. be appointed as the external auditors of the Bank of Greece for the financial years 2022 to 2026, with the option to extend the mandate to the financial years 2027 and 2028.

- (5) Following the recommendation of the Governing Council of the ECB,
Council Decision 1999/70/EC¹ should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ Council Decision 1999/70/EC of 25 January 1999 concerning the external auditors of the national central banks (OJ L 22, 29.1.1999, p. 69).

Article 1

In Article 1 of Decision 1999/70/EC, paragraph 12 is replaced by the following:

'12. Ernst & Young (Hellas) Certified Auditors Accountants S.A. are hereby approved as the external auditors of the Bank of Greece for the financial years 2022 to 2026.'

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its notification.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the European Central Bank.

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President
