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From:	Mr Pieter Jan KLEIWEG DE ZWAAN, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the European Union
date of receipt:	11 April 2025
To:	Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Partial renewal of the European Court of Auditors (2026) - NL nomination letter

Delegations will find in the Annex a letter, dated 10 April 2025, from Mr Pieter Jan KLEIWEG DE ZWAAN, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the European Union, to Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union.

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Date 10 April 2025  
Subject Netherlands' candidacy for the European Court of Auditors

Dear Ms Blanchet,

*Chère Thérèse,*

I have the honor to inform you that the government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands would like to propose a renewal of the mandate of Mr Stef Blok as a member of the Court of auditors, which is set to expire on 31 December 2025.

The curriculum vitae of Mr Blok is enclosed.

I would be grateful if the Council could launch the procedure foreseen by Article 286 (2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and kindly inform us of the schedule regarding the nomination.

I trust to have been of service to you.

Yours sincerely,

Pieter Jan Kleiweg de Zwaan  
Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
to the European Union

**Stef Blok**

Born in OMISSIS, in OMISSIS

**Education:**

1983-1988  
1977-1983

Business studies, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (University of Groningen)  
Stedelijk Gymnasium Leiden (Leiden municipal grammar school)

**Professional experience:**

September 2022  
April 2022 - May 2022  
May 2021 - January 2022  
2018-2021  
January 2017 - October 2017  
2012-2017  
2010-2012  
1998-2012

Member of the European Court of Auditors  
National Coordinator for Sanctions Compliance and Enforcement  
Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy  
Minister for Foreign and European Affairs  
Minister for Justice and Security  
Minister for Housing and the Central Government Sector  
VVD (liberal party) group leader, House of Representatives  
VVD member of the House of Representatives (Finance, Economic and Social Affairs portfolio)  
Co-sponsor of two private member's bills on pensions and life assurance; Chair of the parliamentary inquiry into integration policy  
ABN AMRO Bank N.V.: successively management trainee, branch manager, credit analyst and senior account manager (corporate banking)  
Internship at Société Générale, Paris

1988-1998

1988

**Civil society activities:**

2017-2018  
2010-2012  
2009-2012  
  
2009-2012  
2000-2010  
1994-1997

Chair, Executive Board, Dutch Accreditation Council  
Board of Trustees, GGZ Rivierduinen (mental health care facility)  
Member of the Supervisory Board of Scholtens Groep B.V. (construction company)  
Board of Trustees, Stedelijk Gymnasium Leiden (Leiden municipal grammar school)  
Board of Trustees, Het Zuid-Hollands Landschap (nature conservancy organisation)  
VVD group leader, Nieuwkoop municipal council