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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council  
Subject: COUNCIL DECISION amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of De Nederlandsche Bank  
– Adoption

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1. Pursuant to Article 27.1 of the Statute of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) and the European Central Bank (ECB), the accounts of the ECB and 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. On 29 July 2025, the ECB Governing Council recommended that EY Accountants B.V. should be appointed as the external auditors of De Nederlandsche Bank for the financial years 2026 to 2032.
3. The Permanent Representatives Committee could therefore invite the Council to adopt, as an 'A' item, the relevant Decision as finalised by the lawyer-linguists and set out in document ST 12224/25 at one of its forthcoming meetings.