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Subject:	Appointment of one member of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority
	 Opinion of the European Parliament
	 Recommendations by delegations

 In accordance with Article 25(1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002¹, the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is composed of 14 members, appointed by the Council, in consultation with the European Parliament, from a list drawn up by the Commission.

Four of the members should have a background in organisations representing consumers and other interests in the food chain.

All the members of the Management Board should be appointed in such a way as to secure the highest standards of competence, a broad range of relevant expertise and, consistent with these, the broadest possible geographic distribution within the Union.

Regulation (EC) 178/2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety (OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1).

- The term of office of one of the members of the EFSA Management Board, appointed by the Council in 2018, expired on 30 June 2021². That member had a background in organisations representing consumers and other interests in the food chain.
- In accordance with Article 10(2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1381³, the term of office of the members of the EFSA Management Board in office on 30 June 2022 will expire on that date. The vacant position should therefore be filled in for a term of office ending on 30 June 2022.
- On 13 July 2021, <u>the Commission</u> transmitted to the Council the Commission Decision C(2021) 5122 final approving the list of candidates selected for the appointment of a new member of the EFSA Management Board⁴. In order to comply with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725⁵, the personal files of the candidates were transmitted to the Permanent Representations in an encrypted form.
- <u>The Council</u> received the views of the European Parliament, set out in the Annex to this note, on 19 October 2021.
- 6. In accordance with the procedure endorsed by the Permanent Representatives Committee on 22 September 2021⁶, <u>the Presidency</u> invites the delegations to indicate bilaterally to the General Secretariat of the Council the candidate on the list drawn up by the Commission whose appointment as new member of the Management Board of the EFSA they recommend.

Delegations must take into account the need '*to secure the highest standards of competence, a broad range of relevant expertise and, consistent with these, the broadest possible geographic distribution within the Union*.'⁷. Delegations may take into account the views of the European Parliament, as set out in the Annex to this document.

See Article 2 of Council Decision of 26 June 2018 appointing seven members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority (OJ C 230, 2.7.2018, p. 2).
 Begulation (EU) 2019/1381 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019

Regulation (EU) 2019/1381 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain (OJ L 231, 6.9.2019, p.1).

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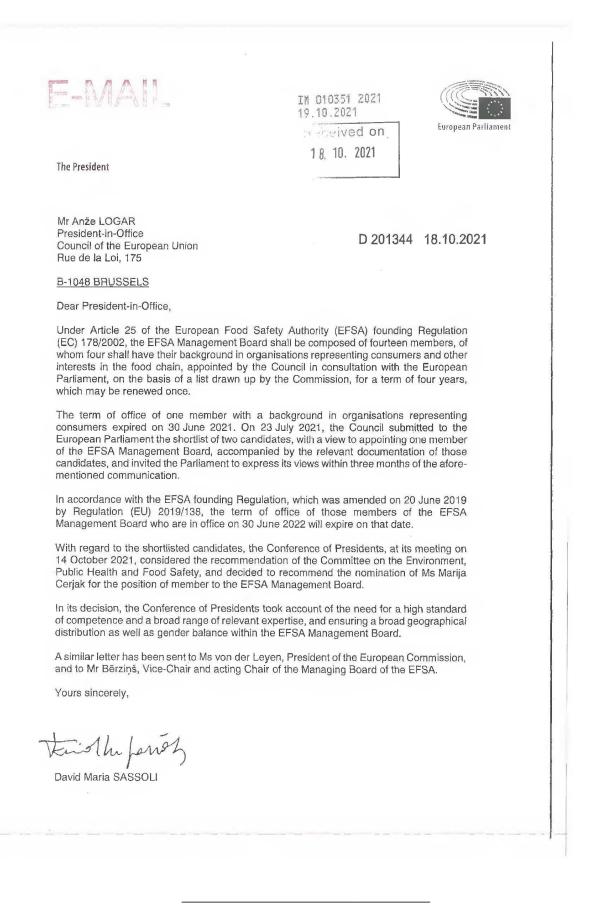
⁵ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

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⁷ Article 25(1) of Regulation (EC) 178/2002.

- <u>Delegations</u> are invited to indicate the recommended candidate to the General Secretariat of the Council by email addressed to <u>paula.marques@consilium.europa.eu</u> and to <u>marc.leguende-lacroix@consilium.europa.eu</u>, by 26 October 2021, close of business.
- 8. Then, in accordance with the procedure endorsed by the Permanent Representatives Committee on 22 September 2021, the General Secretariat of the Council will inform delegations of whether a candidate has received a higher number of recommendations and can be proposed to the Permanent Representatives Committee for confirmation, as an "I" item on the agenda, or whether the two candidates obtained the same number of recommendations, in which case the Permanent Representatives Committee will be invited to hold a secret ballot.

<u>ANNEX</u>



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