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INFORMATION NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Partial renewal of the European Court of Auditors (2023) - Approval of a letter

1. By letter of 26 September 2022¹, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) informed the Council of the end of the term of office of Ms Ildikó GÁLL-PELCZ (Hungary), Member of the ECA, on 31 August 2023.

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.”

¹ 13091/22.

3. In order to ensure the continuity of ECA's work, the new Member of the ECA should be appointed no later than the end of July 2023.
 4. The Member State concerned should therefore send its proposal to the General Secretariat of the Council no later than **31 March 2023**. To that effect, the General Secretariat of the Council will send a letter to the Member State concerned.
 5. Delegations will find a draft reply to the letter from the Secretary-General of the European Court of Auditors in the Annex to this note. This draft reply is to be submitted, following its examination by the Working Party on General Affairs, to the Permanent Representatives Committee, with a view to its approval 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 26 September 2022 concerning one Member of the European Court of Auditors (ECA) whose mandate will expire on 31 August 2023, I have the pleasure to inform you that the General Secretariat of the Council will request the Member State concerned to put forward its nomination for a Member of the ECA no later than 31 March 2023.

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 July 2023. To that end, the procedure for the appointment of the Member should start sufficiently early to allow for the timely consultation of the European Parliament.

(Complimentary close)

Chair of the
Permanent Representatives Committee
