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Subject : Council Decision amending the Decision of 23 June 1981 establishing a
consultation procedure

COUNCIL DECISION

of

amending the Decision of 23 June 1981
establishing a consultation procedure

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Whereas:

- (1) The Court of Auditors is an institution referred to in Article 7 of the Treaty establishing the European Community;
- (2) The second paragraph of Article 1 of the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities provides that "save as otherwise provided, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the Ombudsman of the European Union shall, for the purposes of these Staff Regulations, be treated as institutions of the Communities";
- (3) Article 207(2) of the Treaty establishing the European Community provides that the Secretary-General, High Representative for the common foreign and security policy is to be assisted by a Deputy Secretary-General responsible for the running of the General Secretariat;
- (4) The Treaty of Amsterdam of 2 October 1997 incorporated into the Treaty establishing the European Community, in Article 283, the provisions of the second subparagraph of Article 24(1) of the Treaty establishing a Single Council and a Single Commission of the European Communities of 8 April 1965;
- (5) Since consultation procedures have been laid down in areas other than that of relations between the Council and the staff of all the institutions, the title of the Decision of 23 June 1981 needs to be made more specific;
- (6) It is therefore necessary to adjust the Decision of 23 June 1981,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Decision of 23 June 1981 is hereby amended as follows:

- (1) the title shall be replaced by the following title:

"Council Decision of 23 June 1981 establishing a tripartite consultation procedure concerning relations with staff";

- (2) the text set out in Section I, paragraph 2(c), shall be replaced by the following:

"For the purposes of these provisions, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the Ombudsman of the European Union shall be treated as institutions.";

- (3) the text set out in Section I, paragraph 4, shall be replaced by the following:

"The chairmanship of the Consultation Committee shall be held by the Secretary-General of the Council, High Representative for the common foreign and security policy or by the Deputy Secretary-General of the Council.";

- (4) in Section I, paragraph 6(b), the words "Article 24 of the Merger Treaty" shall be replaced by "Article 283 of the Treaty establishing the European Community".

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on .

Done at

For the Council
The President

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