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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Partial renewal of the Members of the Court of Auditors (2019)
	- Approval of a letter

1. By letter dated 24 September 2018¹, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) informed the Council of the end of term of office of two Members of the ECA:

- the Romanian Member's term expires on 30 June 2019, and
- the Croatian Member's term expires on 14 July 2019.

2. Article 286(1) and (2), first subparagraph, (TFEU) state 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 13372/18

3. In order to ensure continuity of the ECA's work, the new Members of the ECA should be appointed no later than end of June 2019.

The Member States concerned should therefore send their proposals to the General Secretariat no later than **21 December 2018**. To that effect the General Secretariat will send a letter to the Member States concerned .

4. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee approve the attached reply letter to the European Court of Auditors, in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure (Article 19(7)(k)).

Draft reply

From: Council of the European Union

To: Secretary-General of the European Court of Auditors

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 24 September 2018 concerning the nomination of Members to replace two Members of the Court of Auditors whose mandates expire in June/July 2019, I inform you that the General Secretariat has requested the Member States concerned to send their proposals no later than 21 December 2018.

In order to ensure continuity of the Court of Auditor's work, the Council Decisions appointing the Members of the Court should be adopted no later than end of June 2019. To that end, the procedure for the appointment of the Members should start in sufficient time for the Council to allow for the consultation of the European Parliament in January 2019.

(Complimentary close)

N. MARSCHIK
Chairman of the
Permanent Representatives Committee