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| From:    | General Secretariat of the Council                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| To:      | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Subject: | COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2025/...of XXXX 2025 on the appointment of the fifth full-time member of the Executive Board of the Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism - Approval |

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1. On 31 May 2024, the European Parliament and the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2024/1620 establishing the Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism ('the Authority').
2. Article 63 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1620 provides for the Executive Board of the Authority, composed of the Chair of the Authority and five full-time members, including the Vice-Chair. Those five full-time members are to be appointed by the Council, acting by qualified majority, following the submission to the European Parliament of a proposal of the General Board of the Authority, based on the shortlist of qualified candidates drawn up by the Commission, and the approval of that proposal by the European Parliament. That Article also provides for a term of office for the five full-time members of the Executive Board of four years.

3. On 22 May 2025 the Council adopted Council Implementing Decision (EU) on the appointment of four full-time members of the Executive Board of the Authority.
  4. On 12 November 2025, the Commission prepared a shortlist of candidates for the appointment of the fifth full-time member of the Executive Board of the Authority and provided it to the European Parliament. The Council was informed of the shortlist on the same day.
  5. On 9 December 2025, the General Board of the Authority adopted a proposal for the appointment of Mrs Henrica Maria VERBEEK-KUSTERS as full-time member of the Executive Board of the Authority and submitted it to the European Parliament for approval.
  6. On 18 December 2025, the European Parliament approved the proposal for the appointment of the member of the Executive Board of the Authority.
  7. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invite the Council to adopt the draft Council implementing decision as set out in document ST 5850/26.
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