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'I' ITEM NOTE

From: Working Party on Combating Fraud
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Selection procedure for the function of Director-General of the European Anti-Fraud Office: Designation of a representative in view of the interviews with the Consultative Committee on Appointments (CCA)
– *Approval of a letter*

1. Pursuant to Regulation (Euratom, EU) No 883/2013 concerning investigations conducted by OLAF¹, as last amended by Regulation 2020/2223², and in particular to Article 17 thereof, the Office shall be headed by a Director-General. The end of the term of office of the current Director-General is 31 July 2025.

¹ OJ L 248, 18.9.2013, p. 14.

² Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2223 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 December 2020 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013, as regards cooperation with the European Public Prosecutor's Office and the effectiveness of the European Anti-Fraud Office investigations (OJ L 437, 28.12.2020, p. 71).

2. In order to appoint a new Director-General, the Commission published a call for applications in the *Official Journal of the European Union* on 31 October 2024³. In the current stage of the procedure, the Commission is undergoing eligibility and pre-selection screening, and well as preparing for further interviews of candidates with the Consultative Committee on Appointments (CCA).
3. Following these steps, the Commission shall draw up a list of suitably qualified candidates. After a favourable opinion has been given by the Supervisory Committee on the selection procedure applied by the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council shall, in due time, agree on a shortlist of three candidates from the list of suitable candidates drawn up by the Commission. The Commission shall appoint the Director-General from that shortlist.
4. On 23 January 2025, the Commission sent a letter for the consideration of the European Parliament and the Council, requesting the institutions to designate a representative to take part, as observer, to the interviews of candidates to the post of Director-General of the European Anti-Fraud Office with the CCA (see ANNEX 1).
5. As per usual practice, the level of representation of the Council at this step of the procedure is assured by the Chair of the Working Party on Combating Fraud (GAF) of the running Presidency.
6. The GAF members were consulted on the draft reply to the Commission's letter, including the level of representation, in a silence procedure which ended on 17 March 2025, without any objections being raised.
6. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the draft reply recorded in ANNEX 2 informing the Commission that Mr Aleksander Krzemień, Chair of GAF during the Polish Presidency, will represent the Council as an observer during the interviews held by the CCA, in accordance with Article 19(7)(k) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

³ OJ C, C/2024/6496, 31.10.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/6496/oj>.



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Subject: Selection procedure for the function of Director-General of the European Anti-Fraud Office – Designation of a representative in view of the interviews with the Consultative Committee on Appointments (CCA)

Dear Mr Karbownik,

I am contacting you with regard to the on-going selection procedure for the future Director-General of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), which will reach very soon its next stage in the process, i.e. the interviews with the Consultative Committee on Appointments (CCA).

The CCA, which I chair, is an administrative-level advisory body in the procedure for appointments of senior officials within the European Commission and is composed of high-ranking Commission officials. Its role is to act as an interviewing and evaluation board which recommends a shortlist of candidates to the Member(s) of the Commission who are responsible for proposing an appointment.

To ensure full transparency and to keep the European Parliament, the Council and the Supervisory Committee of OLAF appropriately informed of the progress of the selection procedure, I would like to invite a representative of each of these instances to attend the CCA interviews as an observer. Given the administrative nature of the CCA, an official occupying a Director-General function would perhaps be most appropriate, but the Council may decide to designate another observer.

I would be grateful if you could inform me, at your earliest convenience, of the name of the person who will represent the Council during the CCA interviews. The Secretariat of the CCA will contact the person concerned and provide all background documents accordingly when the procedure reaches the CCA stage.

Yours sincerely,

Ilze JUHANSONE

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DRAFT LETTER

From: Ms Agnieszka BARTOL, Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee

To: Ms Ilze JUHANSONE, Secretary-General of the Commission

Copy to: Mr Niclas HERBST, Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control of the European
Parliament
Mr Angelo Maria QUAGLINI, Chair of the Supervisory Committee of OLAF

Subject: Selection procedure for the function of Director-General of the European Anti-Fraud
Office – Designation of a representative in view of the interviews with the Consultative Committee
on Appointments (CCA)

With reference to your letter of 23 January 2025 regarding the designation of a representative in
view of the interviews with the CCA, the Council would like to inform you that Mr Aleksander
Krzemień, Chair of the Working Party on Combating Fraud (GAF) during the Polish Presidency,
will attend, for the Council, as an observer during the interviews held by the CCA in view of the
selection procedure for the function of Director-General of OLAF.

(Complimentary close)
