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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Council Decision amending Decision (EU) 2023/133 as regards the replacement of a member of the selection panel provided for in Article 14(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1939
- Adoption

1. Pursuant to Article 14(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1939¹, the EPPO selection panel is to comprise 12 persons chosen from among former members of the Court of Justice and the Court of Auditors, former national members of Eurojust, members of national supreme courts, high-level prosecutors and lawyers of recognised competence. The members of the current EPPO selection panel were appointed by Council Decision (EU) 2023/133 of 17 January 2023¹. One member of the selection panel was replaced in June 2024 by Council Decision (EU) 2024/1777².

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2023/133 of 17 January 2023 appointing the members of the selection panel provided for in Article 14(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 (OJ L 17, 19.1.2023, p. 90–91, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2023/133/oj>)

² Council Decision (EU) 2024/1777 of 20 June 2024 amending Decision (EU) 2023/133 as regards the replacement of a member of the selection panel (OJ L, 2024/1777, 24.6.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/1777/oj>).

2. As has happened before, one of the members of the current EPPO selection panel has resigned and needs to be replaced in order to ensure the continuity of the panel's activities. On 23 April 2025 the Commission submitted a proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision (EU) 2023/133 appointing the members of the selection panel provided for in Article 14(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1939. The proposal suggests appointing Ms Johanna Hervonen, Chief Prosecutor for the Prosecution District of Southern Finland, as a member of the EPPO selection panel to replace the resigning member, Ms Tuire Tamminiemi.
3. Following an informal written consultation on the proposal, an agreement was reached at technical level.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to suggest that the Council adopt the abovementioned Implementing Decision as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts and as set out in document 8467/25.
