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REPORT

on the nomination of Iliana Ivanova as a Member of the Court of Auditors
(C8-0334/2017 – 2017/0818(NLE))

Committee on Budgetary Control

Rapporteur: Indrek Tarand

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PROPOSAL FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DECISION

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(Consultation)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 286(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C8-0334/2017),
 - having regard to Rule 121 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A8-0344/2017),
- A. whereas Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control proceeded to evaluate the credentials of the nominee, in particular in view of the requirements laid down in Article 286(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;
- B. whereas at its meeting of 26 October 2017 the Committee on Budgetary Control heard the Council's nominee for membership of the Court of Auditors;
1. Delivers a favourable opinion on the Council's nomination of Iliana Ivanova as a Member of the Court of Auditors;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and, for information, the Court of Auditors, the other institutions of the European Union and the audit institutions of the Member States.

ANNEX 1: CURRICULUM VITÆ OF ILIANA IVANOVA

Education:

- 1998 Bachelor's degree in international economic relations from the University of Economics, Varna
- 1999 Master's degree in international economic relations from the University of Economics, Varna
- 2004 MBA in global management from Thunderbird University, Arizona, USA

Professional experience:

- 1999 - 2002 International financial institutions coordinator for the Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- 2004 Business development expert, Total System Acquiring Solutions
- 2005 Investment analyst for Beal Bank, Dallas, USA
- 2006 Financial controller for Ericsson USA, Dallas, USA
- 2006 Senior financial analyst for Clayton Commercial Group, Dallas, USA
- 2005 - 2006 Senior financial analyst for Bank of America, Dallas, USA (former Countrywide Home Loans)
- 2007 - 2009 Member of Sofia City Council, representing GERB
- 2009 -2012 Member of the European Parliament
- Vice-Chair of the Budgetary Control Committee and Rapporteur for:
 - o 2010 EIB annual report
 - o Regulation on Hercule III Programme to promote activities in the field of the protection of the European Union's financial interests,
 - o Regulation on the financing, management and monitoring of the Common Agricultural Policy,
 - o Opinion on innovative financial instruments in the context of the next multiannual financial framework,
 - o Study on the liability of the European Union budget concerning the EFSM and the ESM anti interference on budget control by the European Parliament,
 - o Working document on Special Report 11/2009 of the ECA on the sustainability and the Commission's management of the LIFE-Nature projects.
 - Vice-Chair of the EU-China Delegation

Member of the Committee of Internal Market and consumer protection

Mrs Ivanova became a Member of the European Court of Auditors on 1 January 2013. She is the Dean of Chamber II since 21 September 2016, responsible for "Investment for cohesion, growth and inclusion".

ANNEX 2: SUMMARY BY ILIANA IVANOVA OF EXPERIENCE AS A COURT MEMBER AND OBJECTIVES FOR A FUTURE MANDATE

Since my mandate began in January 2013, I have been responsible for 5 consecutive years for Chapter 6 of the Annual report, as well as for the following 8 Special Reports (SR), 1 Audit Brief and 1 contribution to the annual follow-up of ECA Special Reports:

SR 5/2017 “Youth unemployment – have EU policies made a difference? An assessment of the Youth Guarantee and the Youth Employment Initiative”, SR 19/2016 “Implementing the EU budget through financial instruments – lessons to be learnt from the 2007-2013 programme period”, SR 16/2016 “EU education objectives: programmes aligned but shortcomings in performance measurement”, SR 17/2015 “Commission’s support of youth action teams: redirection of ESF funding achieved, but insufficient focus on results”, SR 08/2015 “Is EU financial support adequately addressing the needs of micro-entrepreneurs?”, SR 3/2015 “EU Youth guarantee: first steps taken but implementation risks ahead”, SR 1/2015 “Inland waterway transport in Europe: no significant improvements in modal share and navigability conditions since 2001”, SR 1/2014 “Effectiveness of EU-supported public urban transport projects”, Audit brief “Broadband in the EU”- 09/2017, Chamber II contribution to SR 19/2013 “2012 report on the follow-up of the European Court of Auditors’ special reports” – follow up of SR 3/2008 and SR 17/2009

In addition to the performance audits, I have been Reporting Member for Chapter 6 of the Annual report of the Court: Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion for the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

To further leverage the impact of ECA’s work, I have initiated a number of high-level events on topics of interest with the participation of Court’s key stakeholders: Joint ECA - Bulgarian National Audit Office conference on Financial instruments in Sofia, ECA Conference in the European Parliament “Youth employment - Confronting challenges and finding solutions” in Brussels, ECA High level conference on financial instruments in Luxembourg, Joint ECA-Bulgarian National Audit Office round table on youth employment in Sofia.

In addition, I have accompanied two fact-finding missions organized by the Budgetary Control Committee: Fact-finding mission of the Budgetary Control Committee to Italy - Sicily and Calabria – 18-20 July 2016, Fact-finding mission of the Budgetary Control Committee to Hungary – 18-20 September 2017.

Since October 2016, I had the honour of being Dean of Chamber II and Member of the Administrative Committee of the Court. In addition, I served as Member of the Internal Audit Committee in the period 2013-2016 and acted as its Chairperson for a mandate of one year in 2016.

Personal objectives for a possible future mandate as Member of the European Court of Auditors

As Member of the Administrative Committee - to contribute to the implementation of the Court’s strategy 2018-2020; As Dean of Chamber II and Reporting Member for a number of Special Reports - to ensure the smooth functioning of the Chamber and the adoption of timely and relevant reports; As Reporting Member for the Annual report Chapter 6 - to continue and

further develop the focus on performance elements included in the Chapter; As a general objective - to further strengthen the Court's relations with its main stakeholders, and in particular with the European Parliament, as well as to help increase the impact of the Court's work through different communication tools and events.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Title	Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - BG nominee
References	12247/2017 – C8-0334/2017 – 2017/0818(NLE)
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Rapporteurs Date appointed	Indrek Tarand 2.10.2017
Date adopted	26.10.2017
Result of final vote	+: 23 –: 0 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Nedzhmi Ali, Inés Ayala Sender, Zigmantas Bal ūytis, Martina Dlabajová, Luke Ming Flanagan, Ingeborg Gräßle, C t ūlin Sorin Ivan, Arndt Kohn, Georgi Pirinski, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt, Bart Staes, Indrek Tarand, Marco Valli, Derek Vaughan, Tomáš Zdechovský, Joachim Zeller
Substitutes present for the final vote	Richard Ashworth, Andrey Novakov, Julia Pitera, Patricija Ŗulin
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Angel Dzhambazki, Lieve Wierinck
Date tabled	31.10.2017