

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-287

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Status : ☒ - Member - Alternate

Article III-287 (ex Article 247)

1. The Members of the Court of Auditors shall be chosen from among persons who belong or have belonged in their respective countries 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. Their term of office shall be renewable. The Council shall adopt on its own initiative the list of Members drawn up in accordance with the proposals made by each Member State. It shall act after consulting the European Parliament.
The Members of the Court of Auditors shall elect their President from among their number for a term of three years. He may be re-elected.
3. The Members of the Court of Auditors shall, in the Union's general interest, be completely independent in the performance of their duties.
In the performance of these duties, they shall neither seek nor take instructions from any government or from any other body. They shall refrain from any action incompatible with their duties.
4. The Members of the Court of Auditors may not, during their term of office, engage in any other occupation, whether gainful or not. When entering upon their duties they shall give a solemn undertaking that, both during and after their term of office, they will respect the obligations arising therefrom and in particular their duty to behave with integrity and discretion as regards the acceptance, after they have ceased to hold office, of certain appointments or benefits.
5. Apart from normal replacement, or death, the duties of a Member of the Court of Auditors shall end when he resigns, or is compulsorily retired by a ruling of the Court of Justice pursuant to paragraph 7.

The vacancy thus caused shall be filled for the remainder of the Member's term of office.

Save in the case of compulsory retirement, Members of the Court of Auditors shall remain in office until they have been replaced.

6. A Member of the Court of Auditors may be deprived of his office or of his right to a pension or other benefits in its stead only if the Court of Justice, at the request of the Court of Auditors, finds that he no longer fulfils the requisite conditions or meets the obligations arising from his office.

THE COURT OF AUDITORS CAN REQUEST ANY DOCUMENT FROM A PERSON, COMPANY OR ORGANISATION THAT HAS RECEIVED FINANCES FROM THE UNION.

Explanation (if any) :