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The Secretary-General

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Subject: Seat selection procedure of the Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the Financing of Terrorism Authority (AMLA) - Call for applications

Dear colleagues,

Money laundering and financing of terrorism pose a serious threat to the integrity of the EU economy and financial system, and the security of its citizens. Following a number of prominent cases of money laundering in the Union, the European Commission presented in July 2021 an ambitious package of legislative proposals with the aim of improving the detection of suspicious transactions and activities, and close loopholes used by criminals to launder illicit proceeds or finance terrorist activities.

At the heart of the EU's anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism proposals is the creation of a new EU decentralised agency, the Anti-Money Laundering /Countering the Financing of Terrorism Authority (AMLA). This new authority will act as a supervisor at the centre of an EU integrated supervisory system and enhance cooperation among financial intelligence units in relation to illicit flows, thus improving financial intelligence as key input to law enforcement agencies.

The European Parliament and the Council have started legislative negotiations on this package, including the proposal for a Regulation establishing the Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism. The selection of a seat is a crucial step for setting up AMLA. Co-legislators have agreed on the criteria for the seat selection of AMLA and the process to be used for selecting the Member States' applications in view of hosting the new agency.

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Letter addressed to
All Member State Permanent Representatives to the EU

We hereby invite Member States that wish to host AMLA to submit their applications before **Friday 10 November 2023 at 18:00**, in accordance with the attached application process.

Yours faithfully,

Ilze JUHANSONE

Enclosure: Application process, technical specifications, and application form

c.c.: Mr Alessandro Chiochetti, Secretary-General, European Parliament
Ms Thérèse Blanchet, Secretary-General, Council
Messrs John Watson, John Berrigan, European Commission