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APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITOR

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Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to table for the FACs consideration the tender for the appointment of the external auditor for the 2016 and 2017 financial statements and accounts to the Commission.

Introduction

2. The current one year appointment of the external auditor, Deloitte and Touche LLP, ended after the audit of the 2015 accounts was completed. The Commission's Financial Regulation 12 sets out the requirements for the appointment of an external auditor for a period of two years.

3. A tender for auditing services was circulated to Members on 17 October, 2016 and published in the local newspaper. The Secretariat received one proposal from Deloitte and Touche LLP to undertake this work.

4. Deloitte and Touche LLP is an internationally recognized auditing firm. The performance and services provided to the Secretariat in the past by Deloitte and Touche LLP have been satisfactory.

5. The fees for the audit of the 2016 and 2017 financial statements and accounts are USD7,000.

Recommendation

6. The Committee is invited to recommend to the Commission that Deloitte be reappointed for two years to undertake the audits of the 2016 and 2017 financial statements and accounts.