European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF): secretariat of the Supervisory Committee

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PURPOSE: to amend Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 883/2013, as regards the secretariat of the Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2016/2030 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013, as regards the secretariat of the Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).

CONTENT: in accordance with Regulation 883/2013, the Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud Office is tasked with regularly monitoring the implementation by the Office of its investigative function, in order to reinforce its independence.

This Regulation amends Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 so as to enable the **framework for the implementation of the budgetary appropriations relating to the members of the Supervisory Committee** to be set up in a way that avoids any appearance of a possible interference of the Office in their duties, while guaranteeing the same transparency of the appropriations for the operation of the Supervisory Committee as before.

In order to ensure that the Supervisory Committee functions effectively and efficiently, its **secretariat should be provided directly by the Commission, independently from the Office**, and the Commission should provide the secretariat with appropriate means to fulfil its function. In order to safeguard the Supervisory Committee's independence, **the Commission should refrain from interfering** with the monitoring functions of the Supervisory Committee.

The staff of the Office and the staff of the secretariat of the Supervisory Committee shall **refrain from any unauthorised disclosure of information** received in the exercise of their functions, unless that information has already been lawfully made public or is accessible to the public, and shall continue to be bound by that obligation after leaving the service.

The members of the Supervisory Committee shall be bound by the same obligation of **professional secrecy** in the exercise of their functions, and shall continue to be bound by that obligation after the end of their mandate.

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