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COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU)

of 22 May 2025

on the appointment of four full-time members of the Executive Board of the Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 291(2) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2024/1620 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2024 establishing the Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism and amending Regulations (EU) No 1093/2010, (EU) No 1094/2010 and (EU) No 1095/2010 ([1]), and in particular Article 63 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) On 31 May 2024, the European Parliament and the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2024/1620 establishing the Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism ('the Authority').

(2) Article 63 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1620 provides for the Executive Board of the Authority, composed of the Chair of the Authority and five full-time members, including the Vice-Chair. Those five full-time members are to be appointed by the Council, acting by qualified majority, following the submission to the European Parliament of a proposal of the General Board of the Authority, based on the shortlist of qualified candidates drawn up by the Commission, and the approval of that proposal by the European Parliament. That Article also provides for a term of office for the five full-time members of the Executive Board of four years.

(3) On 29 January 2025, the Commission prepared a shortlist of candidates for the appointment of the five full-time members of the Executive Board of the Authority and provided it to the European Parliament. The Council was informed of the shortlist on the same day.

(4) On 11 March 2025, the General Board of the Authority adopted a proposal for the appointment of Mr Simonas KRĖPŠTA, Ms Rikke-Louise PETERSEN, Mr Marcus PLEYER, Ms Derville ROWLAND and Mr Juan Manuel VEGA SERRANO as the five full-time members of the Executive Board of the Authority and submitted it to the European Parliament for approval. On 3 April 2025, the European Parliament approved the proposal for the appointment of the members of the Executive Board of the Authority.

(5) On 8 May 2025, Mr Marcus PLEYER withdrew his candidacy for personal reasons.

(6) Pursuant to Article 107 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1620, the Commission is responsible for the establishment of the Authority and for its initial operation until 31 December 2025. In view of the tasks and powers conferred upon it, it is appropriate that the Executive Board of the Authority be put in place promptly to ensure a smooth and expeditious handover. Four full-time members of the Executive Board of the Authority should therefore be appointed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following persons are hereby appointed as full-time members of the Executive Board of the Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism for a term of office of four years from 1 June 2025:

— Mr Simonas KRĖPŠTA

— Ms Rikke-Louise PETERSEN

— Ms Derville ROWLAND

— Mr Juan Manuel VEGA SERRANO.

([1]) OJ L, 2024/1620, 19.6.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1620/oj.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 22 May 2025.

For the Council
The President
M. BARANOWSKI