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Report from the Working Groups on Audit and Planning & Reporting

51st Meeting of the Management Board 20-21 September 2018

Key messages

The Management Board is asked to take note of the report from the Working Groups on Audit and Planning & Reporting, which meet in the morning of 20 September 2018. The report will be provided by the Chairpersons (Kassandra Dimitriou and Henrik Søren Larsen).

Background

The Working Group meeting will prepare the following items on the agenda:

- Self-evaluation of the Management Board (B.3)
- Amendment to the Programming Document, follow-up of the REACH Review and orientation debate on the further development of the Programming Document (B.6)
- Amending budget 2018 (B.7)

Furthermore, the Working Group will consider the findings of the Commission's Internal Audit Service on Conflict of Interest and Ethics, in particular with a view to changes for ECHA's Policy for avoiding potential conflicts of interest (B.5).

Moreover, the Working Group will be informed of the status of the Court of Auditors observations on ECHA's accounts for 2017. The final report will not be adopted before mid or late September and only be published later this year. It will be integrated in a aggregated report for all Agencies (in the version as agreed at the end of the adversarial procedure). The most critical preliminary observations were dropped, after the adversarial procedure.

Attachments:

- Annex 1: Draft agenda for the Working Group meeting
- Annex 2: Status of the Court of Auditors report on ECHA's accounts for 2017
- Annex 3-4: Internal Audit Service report on Conflicts of Interest & Ethics, and action plan
- Annex 5: ECHA's follow-up report on the European Parliament discharge resolution

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