

**OLAF SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE**

**OPINION 3/99**

for the Commission  
(Article 12(2) of Regulation No 1073/99)

The Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF),

Having regard to Article 12(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office, which lays down the procedure for recruitment of the Director of OLAF,

Having regard to the call for applications for recruitment of the Director of OLAF, published in Official Journal of the European Communities No C 233/A, of 14 August 1999 (p.1),

Having regard to the list of applications received by the Commission and forwarded by it to the Committee on 23 and 30 September 1999,

Having regard to the documents submitted by the candidates with their applications,

Having ascertained that the selection carried out at administrative level by determining the admissibility of applications was conducted exclusively on the basis of the criteria laid down in the call for applications,

Whereas 60 of the 450 applications meet those criteria,

Whereas the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission wished to set up an anti-fraud office that would have new powers and would be totally independent in conducting investigations,

Whereas the OLAF Director's duties call for the following qualifications:

- guaranteed independence vis-à-vis EU institutions and bodies and vis-à-vis the Member States,
- proven ability to run and direct a major administration and, in particular:
  - to coordinate activities within this administration made up of a variety of services and comprising professionals from various sectors (police, justice, administration),
  - to plan and implement an investigation policy,
  - to cooperate with a whole range of Community services and national authorities,
  - to take part in the preparation of Commission legislative initiatives and regulations relating to action to combat fraud,
- good knowledge of the main legal and practical problems involved in combating fraud, in particular with regard to:
  - Community law, especially European public finance, competition law and public contracts,
  - national and comparative law in relation to law and criminal procedure,
  - protection of individual rights at national, European and international level,

- good knowledge of institutional and constitutional arrangements both at national and at European levels,
- familiarity with working conditions in a complex multicultural environment.

Having duly considered and discussed each of the applications on the basis of the above criteria,

The Committee,

1. can give a favourable opinion on the following candidates:

- BRIET Cornelia F.
- BRUENER Franz-Hermann
- COGET Gérald
- DE JONG Maarten
- DICKSON Christopher
- HARMS Jens
- KNUDSEN Per Brix
- NILSSON Hans
- PERDUCA Alberto
- VIEGAS SANCHES Daniel
- ZANOTO Jean-Pierre

2. has hereby adopted the present opinion unanimously.

Brussels, 7 October 1999

On behalf of the OLAF Supervisory Committee,

The Chairman

Mireille DELMAS-MARTY