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FRAUD ADVISORY CHAIR APPOINTED TO EUROPEAN ANTI-FRAUD OFFICE COMMISSION

Ms Rosalind Wright, Chairman of the Fraud Advisory Panel (FAP), has been appointed to the new Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).

The Supervisory Committee's task is to reinforce OLAF's independence by regular monitoring of the office's investigative function. Ms Wright will work with OLAF on its mission to protect the financial interests of the European Union, to fight fraud, corruption and any other irregular activity, including misconduct within the European Institutions.

The board is composed in total of five members appointed by common accord of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission for a three year term on the committee.

Ms Wright brings a wealth of experience from her roles as Chairman of the Fraud Advisory Panel and as former Director of the Serious Fraud Office of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Ms Wright commented: "In pursuing this mission in an accountable, transparent and cost effective manner, OLAF aims to provide a quality service to the citizens of Europe. This new role underlines the existing work of the FAP and its important role in the fight against crime. "

The new Supervisory Committee will be received in Brussels on 14 December 2005.

For more details see the OLAF website:

www.europa.eu.int/dgs/olaf/sup_comm/index_en.html

Note to Editors

1. The Fraud Advisory Panel raises awareness of the immense social and economic damage caused by fraud and helps private and public sectors, as well as the public at large, to fight back. It was established in 1998 by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) which continues to provide valuable support. Since its foundation the Panel has:

- ✚ raised the profile of fraud in Whitehall, helping to push the issue up the legislative and policy making agenda
- ✚ developed major proposals for the reform of policing, prosecution and the law
- ✚ worked to improve business and professional education and training
- ✚ commissioned important new research, for instance on the extent of fraud, cybercrime and the risk to SMEs
- ✚ raised awareness through conferences, seminars and the media.

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