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INAUGURATION OF THE NEW BUILDINGS OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

On the occasion of the inauguration of its new buildings, the Court of Justice of the European Communities will hold an official ceremony on 4 December 2008, from 17:00 to 18:45 in the main courtroom (Grande Salle).

Speeches will be delivered by **Mr Vassilios Skouris**, President of the Court of Justice, **Ms Diana Wallis**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, **Ms Rachida Dati**, President of the Council, **Mr José Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission and **Mr Jean-Claude Juncker**, Prime Minister of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, in the presence of **Their Royal Highnesses the Grand-Duke and Grand-Duchess of Luxembourg**, the Members of the Court of Justice and the Presidents and Members of the Court of First Instance and of the Civil Service Tribunal.

On 5 December 2008 **Mr Claude Wiseler**, Minister of Public Works of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, will visit the new buildings of the Court in the presence of the architect, **Mr Dominique Perrault**. He will be welcomed by **Mr Vassilios Skouris**, President of the Court of Justice and **Mr Roger Grass**, Registrar of the Court of Justice, in the presence of **Judge George Arestis**, Member of the Buildings Commission of the Court of Justice, **Mr Jean-Jacques Kasel**, Judge of the Court of Justice and **Mr Marc Jaeger**, President of the Court of First Instance.

The programmes for the 4 and 5 December are annexed to this information.

Accreditation may be obtained from the Press and Information Service of the Court of Justice by returning the accompanying form no later than 12:00CET on 1 December 2008.

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
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Annex - Programmes

A. Programme for 4 December 2008

- 16:55 Arrival of **Their Royal Highnesses the Grand-Duke and Grand-Duchess**.
Welcome by **Mr Vassilios Skouris**, President of the Court of Justice.

Grand-ducal Anthem, the “Wilhelmus”.
- 17:00 Opening of the official ceremony
Opening address by **Mr Vassilios Skouris**, President of the Court of Justice.

Musical interlude.

Speech by **Ms Diana Wallis**, Vice-President of the European Parliament.

Musical interlude.

Speech by **Ms Rachida Dati**, Garde des sceaux, Minister for Justice of the French Republic.

Musical interlude.

Speech by **Mr José Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission.

Musical interlude.

Speech by **His Excellency Mr Jean-Claude Juncker**, Prime Minister of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, Minister of State.

European Anthem.
- 18:45 Dinner reception in the Foyer and entrance hall of the *Palais*.

B. Programme for 5 December 2008

13:30 Welcome by **Mr Juan Carlos González Alvarez**, Head of the Press and Information Service of the Court of Justice.

The press are invited to follow the visit of the buildings by **Mr Claude Wiseler**, Minister for Public Works of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, accompanied by his delegation, in the presence of **Mr Dominique Perrault**, architect.