

Case T-44/89

Laura Gouvras-Laycock

v

Commission of the European Communities

(Official — Determination of the place of origin)

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Summary of the Judgment

*Officials — Place of origin — Centre of interests — Determination — Criteria
(Staff Regulations of Officials, Annex VII, Art. 7(3))*

In order to define the centre of an official's interests, which forms the basis on which his or her place of origin within the meaning of Article 7(3) of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations must be determined, it is necessary to establish that the person concerned retains a permanent link with a certain place having regard *inter alia* to his or her main family ties, heritable interests or essential civic interests, both active and passive. The

determination of that link requires an assessment in every individual case by the institution concerned.

It is illogical to exclude or to reduce the significance of the place in which the spouse of the official has his or her own centre of interests. Furthermore, ties other than rights *in rem* in immovable property may also serve as criteria.