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RENEWAL OF THE MANDATES OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND ENTRY INTO OFFICE OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE AND THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Formal sitting of 6 October 2006

By decisions of 6 April 2006 and 20 September 2006, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States renewed, for the period from 7 October 2006 to 6 October 2012, the terms of office of Judges Peter Jann, Christiaan Timmermans, Konrad Schiemann, Jiří Malenovský, Antonio Tizzano, José Narciso da Cunha Rodrigues, Pranas Kūris, George Arestis, Anthony Borg Barthet and Egils Levits and of Advocate General Paolo Mengozzi.

By the same decisions, Ms Pernilla Lindh, Mr Jean-Claude Bonichot and Mr Thomas von Danwitz were appointed as Judges, respectively replacing Mr Stig von Bahr, Mr Jean-Pierre Puissechet and Ms Ninon Colneric, while Mr Yves Bot was appointed as an Advocate General, replacing Mr Philippe Léger. In addition, under the system of rotation of Advocates General by reference to the alphabetical order of the Member States, Ms Verica Trstenjak was appointed to replace Mr Leendert A. Geelhoed, and Mr Ján Mazák to replace Mrs Christine Stix-Hackl.

Since two Judges of the Court of First Instance were appointed as members of the Court of Justice under the partial replacement of the latter's members, Mr Nils Wahl and Mr Miro Prek were appointed as Judges of the Court of First Instance of the European Communities, respectively replacing Ms Pernilla Lindh and Ms Verica Trstenjak.

A formal sitting has been held today on the occasion of the departure from office of Advocate General Christine Stix-Hackl, Judge Jean-Pierre Puissechet, Advocate General Philippe Léger, Judge Ninon Colneric, Judge Stig Von Bahr and Advocate General Leendert Geelhoed, and of the taking of the oath and entry into office of the new members of the institution.

Pernilla Lindh

Born 1945; Law graduate of the University of Lund; Judge (assessor), Court of Appeal, Stockholm; Legal adviser and Director General at the Legal Service of the Trade Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Judge at the Court of First Instance from 18 January 1995 to 6 October 2006.

Yves Bot

Born 1947; Graduate of the Faculty of Law, Rouen; Doctor of Laws (University of Paris II, Panthéon-Assas); Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Le Mans; Deputy Public Prosecutor, then Senior Deputy Public Prosecutor, at the Public Prosecutor's Office, Le Mans (1974-82); Public Prosecutor at the Regional Court, Dieppe (1982-84); Deputy Public Prosecutor at the Regional Court, Strasbourg (1984-86); Public Prosecutor at the Regional Court, Bastia (1986-88); Advocate General at the Court of Appeal, Caen (1988-91); Public Prosecutor at the Regional Court, Le Mans (1991-93); Special Adviser to the Minister for Justice (1993-95); Public Prosecutor at the Regional Court, Nanterre (1995-2002); Public Prosecutor at the Regional Court, Paris (2002-04); Principal State Prosecutor at the Court of Appeal, Paris (2004-06).

Ján Mazák

Born 1954; Doctor of Laws (Pavol Jozef Safarik University, Košice, 1978); Professor of civil law (1994) and of Community law (2004); Head of the Community Law Institute at the Faculty of Law, Košice (2004); Judge at the Krajský súd (Regional Court), Košice (1980); Vice-President (1982) and President (1990) of the Mestský súd (City Court), Košice; Member of the Slovak Bar (1991); Legal Adviser at the Constitutional Court (1993-98); Deputy Minister for Justice (1998-2000); President of the Constitutional Court (2000-06); Member of the Venice Commission (2004).

Jean-Claude Bonichot

Born 1955; Graduate of the University of Metz, degree from the Institut d'études politiques, Paris, former student at the École nationale d'administration; rapporteur (1982-85), commissaire du gouvernement (1985-87 and 1992-99), Judge (1999-2000), President of the Sixth Sub-Division of the Judicial Division (2000-06), at the Council of State; Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice (1987-91); Director of the Private Office of the Minister for Labour, Employment and Vocational Training, then Minister for the Civil Service and Modernisation of Administration (1991-92); Head of the Legal Mission of the Council of State at the National Health Insurance Fund for Employed Persons (2001-06); Lecturer at the University of Metz (1988-2000), then at the University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne (from 2000); Author of numerous publications on administrative law, Community law and European human rights law; Founder and chairman of the editorial committee of the *Bulletin de jurisprudence de droit de l'urbanisme*, Co-founder and member of the editorial committee of the *Bulletin juridique des collectivités locales*; President of the Scientific Council of the Research Group on Institutions and Law governing Regional and Urban Planning and Habitats.

Thomas von Danwitz

Born 1962; studied at Bonn, Geneva and Paris; State examination in law (1986 and 1992); Doctor of Laws (University of Bonn, 1988); International diploma in public administration

(École nationale d'administration, 1990); Teaching authorisation (University of Bonn, 1996); Professor of German public law and European law (1996-2003), Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Ruhr University, Bochum (2000-01); Professor of German public law and European law (University of Cologne, 2003-06); Director of the Institute of Public Law and Administrative Science (2006); Visiting professor at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (2000), François Rabelais University, Tours (2001-06) and the University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne, (2005-06).

Verica Trstenjak

Born 1962; Judicial service examination (1987); Doctor of Laws of the University of Ljubljana (1995); professor (since 1996) of theory of law and State (jurisprudence) and of private law; researcher; postgraduate study at the University of Zurich, the Institute of Comparative Law of the University of Vienna, the Max Planck Institute for private international law in Hamburg, the Free University of Amsterdam; visiting professor at the Universities of Vienna and Freiburg (Germany) and at the Bucerius School of Law in Hamburg; head of the legal service (1994-96) and State Secretary in the Ministry of Science and Technology (1996-2000); Secretary-General of the Government (2000); Member of the Study Group on a European Civil Code since 2003; responsible for a Humboldt research project (Humboldt Foundation); publication of more than 100 legal articles and several books on European and private law; Prize of the Association of Slovene Lawyers 'Lawyer of the Year 2003'; Member of the editorial board of a number of legal periodicals; Secretary-General of the Association of Slovene Lawyers and member of a number of lawyers' associations, including the Gesellschaft für Rechtsvergleichung; Judge at the Court of First Instance from 7 July 2004 to 6 October 2006.

Nils Wahl

Born 1961; Degree in law (1987), Doctor of Laws (Stockholm University, 1995); Lecturer, holder of the Jean Monnet Chair in European Law (1995), Professor of European law (2001), Stockholm University; Lawyer (1987-89); Managing director of an educational foundation (1993-2004); President of the Swedish Association for the Study of Community Law (2001-06); Member of the Rådet för konkurrensfrågor (Council for Competition Law Matters) (2001-06); Judge at the Hovrätten över Skåne och Blekinge (Court of Appeal, Skåne and Blekinge) (2005-06).

Miro Prek

Born 1965; Degree in law (1989); Called to the Bar (1994); performed various tasks and functions in the public administration, principally in the Government Office for Legislation (Under-Secretary of State and Deputy Director, Head of the Department for European and Comparative Law) and in the Office for European Affairs (Under-Secretary of State); Member of the negotiating team for the association agreement (1994-96) and for accession to the European Union (1998-2003), responsible for legal affairs; lawyer; responsible for projects regarding adaptation to European legislation, and to achieve European integration, principally in the Western Balkans; Head of Division at the Court of Justice of the European Communities (2004-06).

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