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Formal sitting of the Court of Justice

The taking of the oath by the new Members of the General Court of the European Union

Formal sitting of 16 September 2013

At a formal sitting held today in Luxembourg, five new Members of the General Court of the European Union took the oath before the Court of Justice on the occasion of their entry into office.

As part of the partial replacement of the Members of the General Court and replacing Messrs Laurent Truchot, Vilenas Vadapalas, Santiago Soldevila Fragoso and Kevin O'Higgins, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States have appointed, by decisions of 26 June and 24 July 2013, Messrs Egidijus Bieliūnas, Anthony Collins, Ignacio Ulloa Rubio and Stéphane Gervasoni as Judges at the General Court for the period from 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2019.

By decisions of 6 March, 26 June and 24 July 2013, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States have renewed, for the same period, the mandates of Messrs Nicholas James Forwood and Alfred Dittrich, Ms Ingrida Labucka, Mr Miro Prek, Ms Mariyana Kancheva, Messrs Guido Berardis, Eugène Buttigieg and Carl Wetter and Ms Vesna Tomljenović.

Finally, following the resignation of Mr Josef Azizi, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States have appointed, by decision of 26 June 2013, Mr Viktor Kreuschitz as Judge at the General Court for the period from 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2016.

Egidijus Bieliūnas

Born 1950; degree in law from the University of Vilnius (1973); Doctor of Laws (1978), Assistant Lecturer, Junior Lecturer and then Senior Lecturer at the Law Faculty of the University of Vilnius (1977-92); Consultant in the Legal Department of the Supreme Council – Reconstituent Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (1990-92); Adviser at the Lithuanian Embassy in Belgium (1992-94); Adviser at the Lithuanian Embassy in France (1994-96); Member of the European Commission of Human Rights (1996-99); Judge at the Supreme Court (1999-2011); Senior Lecturer at the University of Vilnius, Head of the Criminal Law Department (2003-13); Representative of the Republic of Lithuania on the Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust (2004-11); Judge at the Constitutional Court (2011-13); Judge at the General Court since 16 September 2013.

Viktor Kreuschitz

Born 1952; Doctor of Laws of the University of Vienna (1981); Civil servant in the Federal Chancellery, Constitutional Affairs Department (1981-97); Adviser in the Legal Service of the European Commission (1997-2013); Judge at the General Court since 16 September 2013.

Anthony Michael Collins

Born 1960; Graduate of Trinity College, Dublin (Legal Science) (1984) and of the Honourable Society of the King's Inns, Dublin (Barrister-at-Law) (1986); practised as Barrister-at-Law (1986-1990 & 1997-2003) and Senior Counsel (2003-2013) at the Bar of Ireland; Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Communities (1990-1997); Director of the Irish Centre for

European Law (1997-2000) and continues to be a Member of its Board of Directors; Vice-President of the Council of European National Youth Committees (1979-1981); General Secretary, Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions (1977-1984); General Secretary, Irish Union of School Students (1977-1979); International Vice-President, Union of Students in Ireland (1982-1983); Member of the Administrative Committee of the Amicale des référendaires, Luxembourg (1992-2000); Member of the Permanent Delegation of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) to the EU and EFTA Courts (2006-2013); Judge at the General Court since 16 September 2013.

Ignacio Ulloa Rubio

Born 1967; Law Degree with honours (1985-1990) and PhD studies (1990-1993) at Universidad Complutense, Madrid; Public Prosecutor of Gerona (2000-2003); Judicial and Human Rights Advisor for the Coalition Provisional Authority, Baghdad, Iraq (2003-2004); Civil First Instance Judge and Investigative Judge (2003-2007) then Senior Judge, Gerona (2008); Deputy Head of EUJUST LEX Integrated Rule of Law Mission for Iraq at the Council of the European Union (2005-2006); Legal Counsellor of the Constitutional Court of Spain (2006-2011 and 2013); Secretary of State for Security (2012-2013); Civil Expert on Rule of Law and Security Sector Reform of the Council of the European Union (2005-2011); External Expert on Fundamental Rights and Criminal Justice for the European Commission (2011-2013); lecturer and author of numerous publications; Judge at the General Court since 16th September 2013

Stéphane Gervasoni

Born 1967; graduate of the Institut d'études politiques, Grenoble (1988) and the École nationale d'administration (1993); Junior Officer at the Council of State (Judge-Rapporteur in the Litigation Division (1993-97) and Member of the Social Affairs Division (1996-97)); Legal Adviser at the Council of State (1996-2008); Senior Lecturer at the Institut d'études politiques, Paris (1993-95); Commissaire du gouvernement attached to the Special Pensions Appeal Commission (1994-96); Legal Adviser to the Ministry of the Civil Service and to the City of Paris (1995-97); Secretary-General of the Prefecture of the Département of the Yonne, Sub-Prefect of the District of Auxerre (1997-99); Secretary-General of the Prefecture of the Département of Savoie, Sub-Prefect of the District of Chambéry (1999-2001); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Communities (2001-05); full member of the Appeals Board of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) (2001-05); Judge at the European Union Civil Service Tribunal (2005-11, President of Chamber from 2008 to 2011); Councillor of State, Deputy President of the Eighth Chamber of the Litigation Division (2011-13); Member of the Appeals Board of the European Space Agency (2011-13); Judge at the General Court since 16 September 2013.

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