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**VISIT TO THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
BY A DELEGATION OF THE BUNDESVERFASSUNGSGERICHT**

A delegation of eleven judges of the Bundesverfassungsgericht (German Constitutional Court), led by its President, Prof. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Papier, was received on an official visit today by Mr Vassilios Skouris, President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities, and other Members of the Court.

The first round table discussion organised on that occasion allowed the President of the Court of Justice to introduce the subject of ‘The impact of the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 on the functioning of the Court, particularly in relation to the procedure of the reference for a preliminary ruling’. The President of the Bundesverfassungsgericht spoke on the subject of ‘The practice of the German courts in references for a preliminary ruling and constitutional references’.

The second round table, concerning ‘State liability for infringement of Community law’, was presented by the President of the Bundesverfassungsgericht and Mr Christiaan Timmermanns, President of the Second Chamber of the Court of Justice.

The meeting forms part of the continuous and close relations which the Court of Justice maintains with the supreme courts of the Member States.

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