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### **TEN NEW MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

*Formal Sitting of 11 May 2004*

The Conference of the Representatives of the Governments of the Members States adopted a decision on 1 May 2004 concerning the nomination of the judges of the new Member States of the European Union at the Court of Justice of the European Communities.

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States nominated as new judges to the Court of Justice:

- Mr Jiří MALENOVSKÝ, of Czech nationality
- Mr George ARETIS, of Cypriot nationality
- Mr Egils LEVITS, of Latvian nationality
- Mr Pranas KŪRIS, of Lithuanian nationality
- Mr Anthony BORG-BARTHET, of Maltese nationality

for the period from 1 May 2004 to 6 October 2006, and

- Mr Uno LÕHMUS, of Estonian nationality
- Mr Endre JUHÁSZ, of Hungarian nationality
- Mr Jerzy MAKARCZYK, of Polish nationality
- Mr Marko ILEŠIČ, of Slovenian nationality
- Mr Ján KLUČKA, of Slovakian nationality

for the period from 1 May 2004 to 6 October 2009.

A formal sitting took place today, 11 May 2004 at 16.30, for the swearing of the oath and the taking up of duties of the ten new Members of the Court of Justice, in the Grande Salle of the Court of Justice of the European Communities.

### **Curricula vitae of the new judges of the Court of justice**

#### **Jerzy Makarczyk**

Born 1938; Doctor of Law (1966); Professor of Public International Law (1974); Senior Visiting Fellow at the University of Oxford (1985); Professor at the International Christian University, Tokyo (1988); author of several works on Public International Law, European Community Law and Human Rights Law; member of several learned societies in the field of International Law, European Law and Human Rights Law; Negotiator for the Polish Government for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Poland; Under-Secretary of State, then Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (1989–1992); President of the Polish Delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations; Judge at the European Court of Human Rights (1992–2002); President of the Institut de Droit International (2003); Advisor to the President of the Republic of Poland on Foreign Policy and Human Rights (2002–2004); Judge at the Court of Justice from 11 May 2004.

#### **Pranas Kūris**

Born 1938; Graduated in law from University of Vilnius (1961); Doctorate in Legal Science, University of Moscow (1965); Habilitation (Dr. hab), University of Moscow (1973); Research Assistant at the Institut des Hautes Études Internationales (Director: Professor C. Rousseau), University of Paris (1967-1968); Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences (1996); Doctor Honoris Causa of University of Law of Lithuania (2001); various teaching and administrative duties at the University of Vilnius (1961-1990); Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Professor of Public International Law, Dean of the Faculty of Law; several governmental posts in the Lithuanian Diplomatic Service and Lithuanian Ministry of Justice; Minister of Justice (1990-1991), Member of the State Council (1991) Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania to Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands (1992-1994); Judge at the (old) European Court of Human Rights (June 1994-November 1998); Judge at the Supreme Court of Lithuania and subsequently President of the Supreme Court (December 1994-October 1998); Judge at the European Court of Human Rights (from November 1998); participated in several international conferences; member of the delegation of the Republic of Lithuania for negotiations with the USSR (1990-1992); author of numerous publications (approximately 200); Judge at the Court of Justice from 11 May 2004.

#### **Endre Juhász**

Born 1944; Graduated in Law from the University of Szeged, Hungary (1967); Hungarian Bar Entrance Examinations (1970); Post-graduate studies in Comparative Law, University of Strasbourg, France (1969, 1970, 1971, 1972); Official in the Legal Department of the Ministry of Foreign Trade (1966–1974), Director for Legislative Matters (1973-1974); First Commercial Secretary at the Hungarian Embassy, Brussels, responsible for European Community issues (1974-1979); Director at the Ministry of Foreign Trade (1979-1983); First Commercial Secretary, then Commercial Counsellor to the Hungarian Embassy in Washington DC, USA (1983-

1989); Director General of the Ministry of Trade and Ministry of International Economic Relations (1989-1991); Chief negotiator for the Association Agreement between Hungary and the European Communities and their Member States (1990-1991); Secretary General of the Ministry of International Economic Relations, Head of the Office of European Affairs (1992); State Secretary at the Ministry of International Economic Relations (1993-1994); State Secretary, President of the Office of European Affairs, Ministry of Industry and Trade (1994); Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Chief of the Mission of the Republic of Hungary to the European Union (January 1995-May 2003); Chief negotiator for the accession of the Republic of Hungary to the European Union (July 1998-April 2003); Minister without portfolio for the coordination of European integration affairs (from May 2003); Judge at the Court of Justice from 11 May 2004.

### **George Arestis**

Born 1945; Graduated in Law from the University of Athens (1968); M.A. in Comparative Politics and Government, University of Kent at Canterbury (1970); practice as a lawyer in Cyprus (1972-1982); Appointed District Court Judge (1982); Promoted to the post of President of the District Court (1995); Administrative President of the District Court of Nicosia (1997-2003); Judge at the Supreme Court of Cyprus (2003); Judge at the Court of Justice from 11 May 2004.

### **Anthony Borg Barthet U.O.M.**

Born 1947; Doctorate in Law at the Royal University of Malta in 1973; entered the Maltese Civil Service as Notary to the Government in 1975; Counsel for the Republic in 1978, Senior Counsel for the Republic in 1979, Assistant Attorney General in 1988 and appointed Attorney General by the President of Malta in 1989; Part-time lecturer in Civil Law at the University of Malta; Member of the Council of the University of Malta (1998-2004); Member of the Commission for the Administration of Justice (1998-2004); Member of the Board of Governors of the Malta Arbitration Centre (1998-2004); Judge at the Court of Justice from 11 May 2004.

### **Marko Ilešič**

Born 1947; Doctor of Law (University of Ljubljana); specialism in Comparative Law (Universities of Strasbourg and Coimbra); Member of the Bar; Judge at the Labour Court, Ljubljana (1975-1986); President of the Sports Tribunal (1978-1986); Arbitrator at the Arbitration Court of the Triglav Insurance Company; Chairman of the Stock Exchange Appellate Chamber (since 1995); Arbitrator at the Stock Exchange Arbitration Court (since 1998); Arbitrator at the Chamber of Commerce of Yugoslavia (until 1991) and Slovenia (since 1991); Arbitrator at the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris; Judge at the Board of Appeals of UEFA (since 1988) and FIFA (since 2000); President of the Union of Slovenian Lawyers' Associations; Member of the International Law Association, of the International Maritime Committee and of several other international legal societies; Professor of Civil Law, Commercial Law and Private International Law; Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Ljubljana; author of numerous legal publications; Judge at the Court of Justice from 11 May 2004.

### **Jiří Malenoský**

Born 1950; Doctor of Law from the Charles University in Prague (1974); Senior faculty member (1974-1990), Vice-Dean (1989-1991) and Head of the Department of

International and European Law (1990–1992) at Masaryk University in Brno; Judge at the Constitutional Court of Czechoslovakia (1992); Envoy to the Council of Europe (1995); Senior Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1998–2000); President of the Czech and Slovak branch of the International Law Association (1999–2001); Judge at the Constitutional Court (2000–2004); Member of the Legislative Council (1998–2000); Member of the Permanent Arbitration Court at The Hague (2000); Professor of Public International Law at Masaryk University Brno (2001); Judge at the Court of Justice from 11 May 2004.

### **Ján Klučka**

Born 1951; Doctor of Law from the University of Bratislava (1974); Professor of International Law at Kosice University (since 1975); Judge at the Constitutional Court (1993); Member of the Permanent Arbitration Court at The Hague (1994); Member of the Venice Commission (1994); Chairman of the Slovakian Association of International Law (2002); Judge at the Court of Justice from 11 May 2004.

### **Uno Lõhmus**

Born 1952; Doctor of Law in 1986; Member of the Bar (1977–1998); Visiting Professor of Criminal Law at Tartu University; Judge at the European Court of Human Rights (1994–1998); Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Estonia (1998–2004); Member of the Committee for Legal Expertise of the Constitution; Consultant to the working group drafting the Criminal Code; Member of the Working Group for the drafting of the Criminal Procedure Code; author of several works on human rights and Constitutional Law; Judge at the Court of Justice from 11 May 2004.

### **Egils Levits**

Born 1955; Graduated in Law and Political Science from the University of Hamburg; research assistant at the Faculty of Law, University of Kiel; Advisor to Latvian Parliament on questions of International Law, Constitutional Law and legislative reform; Latvian Ambassador to Germany and Switzerland (1992–1993), Austria and Hungary (1994–1995); Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Justice, acting as Minister of Foreign Affairs (1993–1994); Conciliator at the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration within OSCE (since 1977); Member of the Permanent Arbitration Court (since 2001); elected Judge to the European Court of Human Rights in 1995, re-elected in 1998 and 2001; numerous publications in the spheres of Constitutional and Administrative Law, Law Reform and European Community Law; Judge at the Court of Justice from 11 May 2004.

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