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**NEW JUDGES AT THE COURT OF JUSTICE AND THE COURT OF FIRST
INSTANCE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

Formal sitting of 12 January 2007

In consequence of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and of Romania to the European Union on 1 January 2007, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union appointed as Judges at the Court of Justice of the European Communities Mr Alexander Arabadjiev, for the period from 12 January 2007 to 6 October 2012, and Ms Camelia Toader, for the period from 12 January 2007 to 6 October 2009. Mr Teodor Tchipev and Mr Valeriu Ciucă were appointed as Judges at the Court of First Instance of the European Communities, for the period from 12 January 2007 to 31 August 2007 and the period from 12 January 2007 to 31 August 2010 respectively.

A formal sitting, on the occasion of the taking of the oath and entry into office of the four new Members, was held today at the seat of the Court of Justice of the European Communities.

Alexander Arabadjiev

Born 1949; legal studies (St Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia); Judge at the District Court, Blagoevgrad (1975-83); Judge at the Regional Court, Blagoevgrad (1983-86); Judge at the Supreme Court (1986-91); Judge at the Constitutional Court (1991-2000); Member of the European Commission of Human Rights (1997-99); Member of the European Convention on the Future of Europe (2002-03); Member of the National Assembly (2001-06); Observer at the European Parliament; Judge at the Court of Justice since 12 January 2007.

Camelia Toader

Born 1963; Degree in law (1986), doctorate in law (1997), University of Bucharest; Trainee judge at the Court of First Instance, Buftea (1986-88); Judge at the Court of First Instance, Sector 5, Bucharest (1988-92); Lecturer (1992-2005), then professor (2005-06), in civil law and European contract law at the University of Bucharest; Doctoral studies and research at the Max Planck Institute for International Private Law, Hamburg (between 1992 and 2004); Head of the European Integration Unit at the Ministry of Justice (1997-99); Judge at the High Court of Cassation and Justice (1999-2006); Visiting professor at the Vienna University of Economics (2000); taught Community law at the National Institute for Magistrates (2003 and 2005-06);

Member of the editorial board of several legal journals; Judge at the Court of Justice since 12 January 2007.

Teodor Tchipev

Born 1940; Degree in law at St Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia (1961); Doctorate in law (1977); Lawyer (1963-64); Legal adviser, State Automobile Enterprise for International Transport (1964-73); Research fellow at the Institute of Law, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (1973-88); Associate professor of civil procedure at the Faculty of Law of St Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia (1988-91); Arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration of the Chamber of Trade and Industry (1988-2006); Judge at the Constitutional Court (1991-94); Associate professor at Paissi Hilendarski University, Plovdiv (February 2001-06); Minister for Justice (1994-95); Associate professor of civil procedure at the New Bulgarian University, Sofia (1995-2006); Judge at the Court of First Instance since 12 January 2007.

Valeriu M. Ciucă

Born 1960; Degree in law (1984), doctorate in law (1997), Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași; Judge at the Court of First Instance, Suceava (1984-89); Military judge at the Military Court, Iași (1989-90); Professor at Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași (1990-2006); Stipended student specialising in private law at the University of Rennes (1991-92); Assistant professor at Petre Andrei University, Iași (1999-2002); Lecturer at the Université du Littoral Côte d'Opale, Dunkirk (Research Unit on Industry and Innovation) (2006); Judge at the Court of First Instance since 12 January 2007.

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