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**VISIT TO THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES BY  
HER EXCELLENCY MARY McALEESE, PRESIDENT OF IRELAND**

The President of Ireland, Her Excellency Mary McAleese, and her husband, Dr Martin McAleese, accompanied by Mr Dick Roche, Minister of State with special responsibility for European Affairs, Ambassador Anne Anderson and Secretary General Brian McCarthy, paid a visit today to the Court of Justice of the European Communities.

The delegation was welcomed by the President of the Court of Justice, Mr Vassilios Skouris, and by Mr Bo Vesterdorf, President of the Court of First Instance, Mrs Fidelma Macken, Judge of the Court of Justice, and Mr John D. Cooke, Judge of the Court of First Instance.

Following a discussion between President McAleese and President Skouris, President McAleese was introduced to the Members of the Court of Justice and of the Court of First Instance.

At the end of her visit, which concluded at 1.30 p.m., the President of Ireland was invited to sign the Livre d'Or of the Court of Justice.

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