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**MR VASSILIOS SKOURIS HAS BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE COURT
OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

Following the partial renewal of the Members of the Court ¹, Mr Vassilios Skouris has been elected President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities for the period from 7 October 2003 to 6 October 2006. He succeeds Gil Carlos RODRÍGUEZ IGLESIAS, Judge at the Court of Justice since 31 January 1986 and President of the Court of Justice since 7 October 1994.

Under Article 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Justice: "the Judges shall, immediately after the partial replacement provided for in Article 223 of the EC Treaty, and Article 139 of the EAEC Treaty, elect one of their number as President of the Court for a term of three years".

Mr Vassilios Skouris

Born in 1948; graduated in law from the Free University, Berlin (1970); awarded doctorate in constitutional and administrative law at Hamburg University (1973); Assistant Professor at Hamburg University (1972-77); Professor of Public Law at Bielefeld University (1978); Professor of Public Law at the University of Thessaloniki (1982); Minister of Internal Affairs (1989 and 1996); Member of the Administrative Board of the University of Crete (1983-87); Director of the Centre for International and European Economic Law, Thessaloniki (from 1997); President of the Greek Association for European Law (1992-94); Member of the Greek National Research Committee (1993-95); Member of the Higher Selection Board for Greek Civil Servants (1994-96); Member of the Academic Council of the Academy of European Law, Trier (from 1995); Member of the Administrative Board of the Greek National Judges' College (1995-96); Member of the Scientific Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1997-99); President of the Greek Economic and Social Council in 1998; Judge at the Court of Justice since 8 June 1999.

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