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## **Entry into office of a new Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union**

*Formal sitting on 14 December 2009*

Following the death of Advocate General Dámaso Ruiz-Jarabo Colomer, the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union have, by decision of 30 November 2009, appointed Mr Pedro Cruz Villalón as Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union for the remainder of the term of office of Advocate General Ruiz-Jarabo Colomer, that is for the period from 30 November 2009 to 6 October 2015.

A formal sitting was held at the Court of Justice today on the occasion of the swearing-in and entry into office of the new Advocate General.

### **Pedro Cruz Villalón**

Born 1946; graduated in law (1963-68) and awarded doctorate (1975) at the University of Seville; postgraduate studies at the University of Freiburg im Breisgau (1969-71); Assistant Professor of Law and Politics at the University of Seville (1978-86); holder of the Chair of Constitutional Law at the University of Seville (1986-92); Legal Secretary at the Spanish Constitutional Court (1986-87); Judge at the Spanish Constitutional Court (1992-98); President of the Spanish Constitutional Court (1998-2001); Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (2001-02); holder of the Chair of Constitutional Law at the Autonomous University of Madrid (2002-09); elected member of the Council of State (2004-09); author of numerous publications; Advocate General at the Court of Justice since 14 December 2009.

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*Images of the formal sitting are available on '[Europe by Satellite](#)' ☎ (+32) 2 2964106*