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Formal sitting of the Court of Justice

Entry into office of a new Judge at the General Court of the European Union

Formal sitting of 26 November 2010

By decision of 18 November 2010, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States appointed Mr Andrei Popescu as Judge at the General Court of the European Union for the period from 26 November 2010 to 31 August 2016, replacing Mr Valeriu M. Ciucă.

A formal sitting of the Court of Justice has taken place today on the occasion of the departure from office of Mr Valeriu M. Ciucă and of the taking of the oath and entry into office of Mr Andrei Popescu.

Andrei Popescu

Born 1948; graduated in law from the University of Bucharest (1971); postgraduate studies in international labour law and European social law, University of Geneva (1973-74); Doctor of Laws of the University of Bucharest (1980); trainee assistant lecturer (1971-73), assistant lecturer with tenure (1974-85) and then lecturer in labour law at the University of Bucharest (1985-90); principal researcher at the National Research Institute for Labour and Social Protection (1990-91); Deputy Director-General (1991-92), then Director (1992-96) at the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection; senior lecturer (1997), then professor at the National School of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest (2000); State Secretary at the Ministry for European Integration (2001-05); Head of Department at the Legislative Council of Romania (1996-2001 and 2005-09); founding editor of the *Romanian Review of European Law*, President of the Romanian Society for European Law (2009-10); Agent of the Romanian Government before the Courts of the European Union (2009-10); Judge at the General Court since 26 November 2010.

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