



## **Mr Koen Lenaerts is elected as Vice-President of the Court of Justice**

Following the partial replacement of the members of the Court of Justice<sup>1</sup>, Mr Koen Lenaerts, judge at the Court since 7 October 2003, has been elected as Vice-President of the Court of Justice for the period from 9 October 2012 to 6 October 2015.

The post of Vice-President was created by recent amendments to the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union. The duty of the Vice-President is to assist the President in the performance of his duties and to take the President's place when the latter is prevented from attending or when the office of President is vacant. Mr Lenaerts will be the first judge to carry out the duties of the Vice-President of the Court of Justice.

Under Article 9a of the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union: 'The Judges shall elect the President and the Vice-President of the Court of Justice from among their number for a term of three years'.

### **Koen Lenaerts**

Born 1954; lic. iuris, Ph.D. in Law (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven); Master of Laws, Master in Public Administration (Harvard University); Lecturer (1979-83), subsequently Professor of European Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (since 1983); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice (1984-85); Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges (1984-89); member of the Brussels Bar (1986-89); Visiting Professor at the Harvard Law School (1989); Judge at the Court of First Instance of the European Communities from 25 September 1989 to 6 October 2003; Judge at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2003; Vice-President of the Court of Justice since 9 October 2012.

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<sup>1</sup> See Press Release No [126/12](#).