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from : Mr Theodoros N. SOTIROPOULOS, Permanent Representative of Greece
date of receipt : 26 January 2010
to the : Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union

Subject : Expiry of the terms of office of fourteen Judges (LU, AT, NL, GR, PT, HU, BE, PL, EE, CY, RO, DK, FI, SK) of the General Court of the European Union
- Proposal for appointment of Mr Christos VASSILOPOULOS (GR)

Delegations will find attached a translation of the letter containing the above-mentioned proposal and the Curriculum vitae of Mr VASSILOPOULOS.

TRANSLATION

Brussels, 22 January 2010
Ref. No. 080/A/660

SUBJECT: Partial renewal of the term of office of members of the General Court of the European Union

Sir,

We hereby inform you that the Greek Government proposes the appointment of Mr Christos Vassilopoulos as a member of the General Court of the EU as from 1 September 2010.

We enclose Mr Vassilopoulos' curriculum vitae.

(Complimentary close)

Theodoros N. Sotiropoulos
Permanent Representative of Greece
to the European Union

High Representative Mr Pierre de Boissieu
SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE COUNCIL
BRUSSELS

**CURRICULUM VITAE
CHRISTOS ATHAN. VASSILOPOULOS**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**from 11/2009
onwards**

General Secretariat of the Government, Head of the Office for Quality of Legislation

Supervising the exercise of the legislative function with regard to the quality and improvement of draft legislation and coordination with matters of European law

9/2009 to 10/2009 Director of the Office of the Caretaker Minister of the Interior

**from 4/2009
onwards**

Alternate member on the NATO Board of Appeals, Brussels

Selected by a NATO special committee to fill three vacancies on the Board

Member of the Board at meetings 190/2009 and 192/2009

Preparing and drafting judgments on matters concerning the official status of the staff of NATO and its agencies

8/2008 to 9/2009 Alternate member of the Authority for the Guarantee of the Secrecy of Communications

Participation in the plenary sessions

Representative of the Authority for the Guarantee of the Secrecy of Communications in the procedure on the amendment of its statute

**7/2008 to
11/2009**

Law firm Vassilopoulos and partners, Athens

Drafting legal opinions and deeds in cases of public and European law

Suspension of activities as a lawyer since November 2009

- from
6/2008 onwards** **Lecturer at the Law School of the University of Athens**
- Lectures in European and Community law as part of the Anglo-Greek Programme of Postgraduate Studies (Specialised Public Law)**
- 7/2004 to 6/2008** **Clerk (référéndaire) at the Court of Justice of the European Communities, subsequently renamed the Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg**
- Preparing and drafting judgments in connection with preliminary rulings and appeals against decisions by the Court of First Instance of the European Communities in areas such as:**
- External relations, telecommunications, direct and indirect taxation (VAT), common trade policy, Community relations with the World Trade Organisation, Common Foreign and Security Policy, freedom of establishment and freedom to supply services, agricultural policy, energy, harmonisation of laws, free movement of goods and capital, social policy, common tariffs, arbitration clauses, agreements on international jurisdiction and the execution of judgments, the environment, the protection of consumers and transport.**
- 2/2001 to 7/2004** **Clerk (référéndaire) at the Court of First Instance (CFI) of the European Communities, subsequently renamed the General Court of the European Union, Luxembourg**
- Preparing and drafting judgments and provisions in connection with appeals in areas such as:**
- Competition, State aid, the official status of staff of the European Communities, the European Central Bank and the European Investment Bank, industrial policy, company law, economic and social cohesion, regional policy and intellectual property.**

STUDIES

2003

Doctorate in European law

**University of Panthéon Assas (Paris II) under the supervision of
Professor Jacqueline Dutheil de la Rochère**

Title of thesis: *Les compétences extérieures des Communautés européennes et de l'Union à travers la jurisprudence de la Cour de justice et du Tribunal de première instance des Communautés: Mécanismes et substance de contrôle*

Examiners: Professor P. MANIN (University of Panthéon Sorbonne – Paris I) and Professor J. RIDEAU (University of Nice Sophia Antipolis)

Members of the examining board: Christiaan W.A. TIMMERMANS, judge at the Court of Justice of the European Communities and Chairman, Professor F. PICOD (University of Panthéon Assas – Paris II) and Professor Ant. PANTELIS (Law School of the University of Athens).

Grade: Summa com laude by unanimous decision of the board.

Robert Schuman prize from the European Parliament

2000

Postgraduate diploma in European and international law (LLM), under the supervision of Professor J.V. Louis, European University Institute of Florence

1996-1998

**Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA), Promotion Valmy, Paris,
admission by competition**

Member of the prefecture administration of Nièvre, Burgundy

Coordination of the work of the prefecture, drafting reports on economic policy (l'apport économique de l'Etat français dans le département de la Nièvre) and on European policies (dialogue national sur l'Europe)

Dealing with matters concerning foreign policy, the European environment, administration, financial control and auditing, court practice and the application of legislative policy.

- 1994 Lawyer at the Athens Bar Association (ABA)
- 1993 Postgraduate diploma in European law (DEA), Law School of the University of Bordeaux
- 1992 Postgraduate diploma in public law (DEA), Law School of the University of Bordeaux
- 1991 Degree from the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

PUBLICATIONS - LECTURES - CONFERENCES

Collaboration on works in French on the need for State reform, in particular reform in the area of health, *La réforme de l'Etat*, in *La documentation française*, 1999, Paris, 2 volumes, 1039 pp.

Les compétences extérieures des Communautés européennes et de l'Union à travers la jurisprudence de la Cour de justice et du Tribunal de première instance des Communautés: Mécanismes et substance de contrôle, Université Panthéon Assas (Paris II) 2003, 3 volumes, 650 pp.

Le rôle institutionnel de la Cour dans le processus d'intégration, to be published by Bruylant (March 2010), Série Essais (250 pages).

Publications in foreign-language legal periodicals, such as *Revue des affaires européennes*, *Revue trimestrielle de droit européen* and *Common Market Law Review*, on matters of European law such as:

"Quelques observations sur l'arrêt de la Cour du 11 septembre 2003, affaire C-211/01, Commission c/Conseil, non encore publié au Recueil", in *Revue des affaires européennes*, 2003/2004, no.2.

"Quelques observations sur les arrêts de la Cour du 30 septembre 2004, affaire C-275/02, Ayaz et du 11 novembre 2004, affaire C-467/02, Cetinkaya, non encore publiés au Recueil" in *Revue des affaires européennes*, 2003/2004, no.4.

"La Cour de justice des Communautés européennes et les modifications du système juridictionnel: à la recherche d'une nouvelle identité pour la justice européenne", in RTDE 2010/2

"Comments on opinion 1/08 of the Court, 31 November 2009, pursuant to Article 300(6) EC, concerning the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)", in CMLREW 2010/2

Lectures on matters of European law:

Seminars at the Centre for European Law at the University of Panthéon Assas – Paris II: *The advisory function of the Court of the European Communities, October 2004*

Conference at the State Legal Council (SLC): *Court practice in the wake of case law: trends and outlook, Köbler, March 2008*

Seminars on ongoing training for directors and directors-general of public administration: *The European environment and the public administration function, June 2008*

MISCELLANEOUS

Scholarships under the ERASMUS programme, 1988-1989, from the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), 1990, and from the Greek State Scholarships Foundation (IKY) 1999-2000.

Member of the Association des anciens élèves de l'Ecole Nationale d'Administration (AAEENA).

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Excellent French and English. Very good Italian and German.