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Formal sitting of 13 October 2004

### NEW JUDGE AT THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

On 23 June 2004, the Conference of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States adopted a decision appointing Aindrias Ó Caoimh judge of the Court of Justice of the European Communities until 6 October 2009.

He replaces Fidelma O'Kelly Macken who has been a judge at the Court of Justice since 6 October 1999.

A formal sitting was held on 13 October 2004 on the occasion of the departure of Mrs O'Kelly Macken and on the entry into office of Mr Ó Caoimh.

### Fidelma O'Kelly Macken

Born 1945; Called to the Bar of Ireland (1972); Legal Advisor, Patent and Trade Mark Agents (1973-1979); Barrister (1979-1995) and Senior Counsel (1995-1998) of the Bar of Ireland; member of the Bar of England and Wales; Judge of the High Court in Ireland (1998); Lecturer in Legal Systems and Methods and 'Averil Deverell' Lecturer in Commercial Law, Trinity College, Dublin; Bencher of the Honourable Society of King's Inns; Judge at the Court of Justice since 6October 1999.

## Aindrias Ó Caoimh

Born in 1950, Bachelor in Civil Law (National University of Ireland, University College Dublin, 1971); Barrister (King's Inns, 1972); Diploma in European Law (University College Dublin, 1977); Barrister (Bar of Ireland, 1972-1999); Lecturer in European Law (King's Inns Dublin); Senior Counsel (1994 - 1999); Representative of the Government of Ireland on many occasions before the Court of Justice of the European Communities; Judge at the High Court (since 1999); Bencher of the Honourable Society of King's Inns (since 1999); Vice-President of the Irish Society of European Law; member of the International Law Association (Irish Branch); Son of Judge Andreas O'Keeffe (Aindrias Ó Caoimh) member of the Court of Justice 1974 - 1985; Judge at the Court of Justice since 13 October 2004.

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