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**THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION HAS ADOPTED THE DECISION
ESTABLISHING THE EUROPEAN UNION CIVIL SERVICE TRIBUNAL**

The decision is an important step in the implementation of the Treaty of Nice

The Treaty of Nice ¹ provided for the creation of judicial panels in certain specific areas. ² The Council today adopted on that basis a decision establishing the European Union Civil Service Tribunal.

The new specialised court, composed of seven judges, will be called upon to adjudicate in disputes between the European Union and its civil service, a jurisdiction now exercised by the Court of First Instance. Its decisions will be subject to appeal on questions of law only to the Court of First Instance and, in exceptional cases, to review by the Court of Justice.

The creation of the European Civil Service Tribunal, which should be able to take up its functions during 2005, is an important step in the implementation of the reforms of the judicial system provided for by the Treaty of Nice. It will enable the length of cases to be reduced and their conduct to be improved not only for cases concerning the European Civil Service, but for all the proceedings with which the Court of First Instance has to deal.

¹ In force since 1 February 2003.

² See Articles 220 and 225 A of the Treaty establishing the European Community and Articles 136 and 140 B of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community. See also Declaration No. 16 on the Treaty of Nice.

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