

Criteria for the assignment of cases to chambers

(2006/C)

**Judgment of the Civil Service Tribunal (First Chamber) of
12 September 2006 — De Soeten v Council**

(2006/C 261/65)

(Case F-86/05) ⁽¹⁾

On 20 September 2006, in accordance with Article 4 of Annex I to the Statute of the Court of Justice and Article 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of First Instance, the Civil Service Tribunal decided to maintain in force until 30 September 2007 the following conditions for the assignment of cases to chambers:

- the First Chamber shall hear all cases, with the exception of those principally concerning questions of recruitment, assessment/promotion and final termination of service, which shall be heard by the Second Chamber;
- a number of cases shall be assigned to the Third Chamber, regardless of the subject-matter involved, at regular intervals to be determined at a plenary meeting of the Tribunal;
- derogations from the above rules on assignment may be made for reasons of connections between cases and to ensure a balanced and reasonably varied workload within the Tribunal.

(Pension — Request for early retirement without reduction of pension entitlement — Rejection of the request)

(2006/C 261/67)

Language of the case: French

Parties

Applicant: Henders De Soeten (The Hague, Netherlands) (represented by: S. Orlandi, A. Coolen, J.-N. Louis and E. Marchal, lawyers)

Defendant: Council of the European Union (represented by: M. Simm and I. Sulce, Agents)

Re:

Annulment of the Council decision rejecting, under Article 9(2) of Annex VIII to the Staff Regulations, the applicant's request for early retirement without reduction of pension entitlement

Designation of the judge to replace the President of the Civil Service Tribunal for the purpose of dealing with applications for interim measures

(2006/C 261/66)

On 20 September 2006, in accordance with Article 3(4) of Decision 2004/752 and Article 106 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of First Instance, the Tribunal decided that, for the period from 1 October 2006 to 30 September 2007, Judge Kreppel, President of the First Chamber, shall replace the President of the Tribunal for the purpose of dealing with applications for interim measures in the event of the President's absence or his being prevented from attending.

Operative part of the judgment

The Tribunal:

1. Annuls the decision of 5 October 2004 of the Council of the European Union rejecting Ms De Souten's request for early retirement without reduction of pension entitlement;
2. Orders the Council of the European Union to pay the costs.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 296, 26.11.2005 (Case initially registered in the Court of First Instance of the European Communities under No T-336/05 and transferred to the European Union Civil Service Tribunal by order of 15.12.2005).