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- in addition, declare that the abovementioned decision of the Eurogroup in essence constitutes a decision of the European Central Bank and/or of the European Commission jointly irrespective of the shape or form in which it was dressed;
- order the European Central Bank and/or the European Commission to pay the costs of these proceedings.

Pleas in law and main arguments

In support of the action the applicants put forward four pleas in law.

1. By the first plea for annulment the applicants maintain that the contested decision is null and void, since the decision exceeds the powers conferred by the Treaty on European Union on not only the European Central Bank but also the European Commission, that is to say, it is an act which was *ultra vires* of those two institutions.
2. By the second plea for annulment, the applicants maintain that the contested decision is in breach of the right to respect for property, which is protected by Article 1 of the First Protocol to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Article 14 of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights, as confirmed by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.
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4. By the fourth plea for annulment, the applicants maintain that the contested decision is also contrary to the generally recognised legal principles which have been disseminated in European Union law and in particular to the principle that no-one may rely on his own failures to obtain an advantage and/or to justify wrongful and/or unlawful conduct.

Action brought on 4 June 2013 — Chatziannou v Commission and European Central Bank

(Case T-330/13)

(2013/C 252/57)

Language of the case: Greek

Parties

Applicant: Lella Chatziannou (Nicosia, Cyprus) (represented by: E. Efstathiou, K. Efstathiou and K. Liasidou, lawyers)

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Action brought on 4 June 2013 — Nikolaou v Commission and European Central Bank

(Case T-331/13)

(2013/C 252/58)

Language of the case: Greek

Parties

Applicant: Marinos Nikolaou (Nicosia, Cyprus) (represented by: E. Efstathiou, K. Efstathiou and K. Liasidou, lawyers)

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Action brought on 4 June 2013 — Christodoulou and Stavrinou v Commission and European Central Bank

(Case T-332/13)

(2013/C 252/59)

Language of the case: Greek

Parties

Applicants: Chrisanthi Christodoulou (Paphos, Cyprus) and Maria Stavrinou (Larnaca, Cyprus) (represented by: E. Efstathiou, K. Efstathiou and K. Liasidou, lawyers)

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