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(Non-legislative acts)

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2021/47

of 21 January 2021

replacing a member of the panel provided for in Article 255 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 255 thereof,

Having regard to the initiative of the President of the Court of Justice of 2 December 2020,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to the first paragraph of Article 255 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a panel was set up in order to give an opinion on candidates' suitability to perform the duties of Judge and Advocate-General of the Court of Justice and the General Court before the Governments of the Member States make the appointments ('the panel').

(2) The panel comprises seven persons chosen from among former members of the Court of Justice and of the General Court, members of the highest national courts and lawyers of recognised competence, one of whom is to be proposed by the European Parliament.

(3) By Decisions (EU, Euratom) 2017/2262 ([1]) and (EU) 2020/539 ([2]), the Council appointed the seven members of the panel for a period ending on 28 February 2022.

(4) By letter of 11 February 2020, Mr Simon BUSUTTIL, panel member proposed by the European Parliament, informed the Council of his resignation.

(5) On 26 November 2020, the President of the European Parliament informed the President of the Court of Justice of the Parliament's intention to nominate Ms Julia LAFFRANQUE as a panel member.

(6) By letter of 2 December 2020, the President of the Court of Justice proposed the appointment of Ms Julia LAFFRANQUE to replace Mr Simon BUSUTTIL as a panel member for the remainder of his term, in accordance with point 3 of the operating rules of the panel as set out in the Annex to Council Decision 2010/124/EU ([3]),

([1]) Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2017/2262 of 4 December 2017 appointing the members of the panel provided for in Article 255 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (OJ L 324, 8.12.2017, p. 50).

([2]) Council Decision (EU) 2020/539 of 15 April 2020 replacing the President of the panel provided for in Article 255 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (OJ L 122, 20.4.2020, p. 1).

([3]) Council Decision 2010/124/EU of 25 February 2010 relating to the operating rules of the panel provided for in Article 255 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (OJ L 50, 27.2.2010, p. 18).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ms Julia LAFFRANQUE is hereby appointed a member of the panel provided for in Article 255 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, for a period ending on 28 February 2022.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 21 January 2021.

For the Council
The President
A.P. ZACARIAS