

DECISION (EU) 2022/1046 OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES

of 29 June 2022

appointing Judges to the General Court

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 19 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 254 and 255 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The terms of office of 26 Judges of the General Court are due to expire on 31 August 2022. Appointments to those posts should therefore be made for the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2028.
- (2) It has been proposed that the terms of office of Mr Ion GÂLEA, Mr Marc JAEGER, Mr Dean SPIELMANN and Ms Mirela STANCU as Judges of the General Court be renewed.
- (3) Mr Steven VERSCHUUR has been nominated for a first term of office as Judge of the General Court.
- (4) In addition, Article 48 of Protocol No 3 on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union, as amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2015/2422 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾, provides that the General Court is to be increased in three stages so as to consist of two Judges per Member State as from 1 September 2019. Pursuant to Article 2(a) of that Regulation, the first stage of the increase in the number of Judges at the General Court entailed the appointment of 12 additional Judges, six of whom were to have a term of office ending on 31 August 2016. Those six Judges were to be chosen in such a way that the governments of six Member States nominated two Judges for the partial renewal of the General Court in 2016, whose term of office runs from 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2022. The post of the additional Judge to be appointed on a proposal from the Government of the Slovak Republic is one of the six additional Judge posts involved in the partial renewal of the General Court in 2016. Ms Beatrix RICZIOVÁ has been nominated for the post of additional Judge of the General Court.
- (5) Under Article 7 of Protocol No 3 and following the death of Mr Barna BERKE, a Judge should be appointed to the General Court for the remainder of Mr Barna BERKE's term of office, which runs until 31 August 2022.
- (6) Mr Tihamér TÓTH has been nominated for the vacant post.
- (7) The panel set up under Article 255 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union has given a favourable opinion on the suitability of those candidates to perform the duties of Judge of the General Court,

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2015/2422 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2015 amending Protocol No 3 on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union (OJ L 341, 24.12.2015, p. 14).

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following are hereby appointed Judges of the General Court for the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2028:

- Mr Ion GÂLEA,
- Mr Marc JAEGER,
- Mr Dean SPIELMANN,
- Ms Mirela STANCU,
- Mr Steven VERSCHUUR.

Article 2

The following are hereby appointed Judges of the General Court for the period from the date of entry into force of this Decision to 31 August 2022:

- Ms Beatrix RICZIOVÁ,
- Mr Tihamér TÓTH.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 29 June 2022.

The President
P. LÉGLISE-COSTA
