

Action brought on 31 July 2000 by Agnès Ajour and 115 others against the Commission of the European Communities**(Case T-201/00)**

(2000/C 285/34)

(Language of the case: French)

An action against the Commission of the European Communities was brought before the Court of First Instance of the European Communities on 31 July 2000 by Agnès Ajour and 115 others, represented by Jean-Noël Louis and Véronique Peere, of the Brussels Bar.

The applicants claim that the Court should:

- annul the decisions of the Commission concerning the drawing-up of the applicants' pay slips for the months from September to December 1999;
- order the defendant to pay the costs.

Pleas in law and main arguments

The applicants, who are seconded to the Office for Veterinary and Plant-Health Inspection and Control in Dublin, are contesting their pay slips for the months from September to December 1999, maintaining that these were drawn up on the basis of the weighting for Ireland, which has been fixed without taking account of the cost of living in Dublin. They claim that, by applying that illegal weighting for the purposes of calculating their remuneration, the Commission has infringed Articles 64 and 65a of the Staff Regulations of officials, as well as the principles of equal treatment, reasonable career prospects and freedom of movement for workers.

Action brought on 1 August 2000 by Mario Costacurta against the Commission of the European Communities**(Case T-202/00)**

(2000/C 285/35)

(Language of the case: French)

An action against the Commission of the European Communities was brought before the Court of First Instance of the European Communities on 1 August 2000 by Mario Costacurta, residing in Luxembourg, represented by Marc Petit, of the Luxembourg Bar.

The applicant claims that the Court should:

- annul the express decision of the Commission of the European Communities of 19 July 2000 refusing to apply Article 3 of Annex X to the Staff Regulations in relation to him;
- rule that the applicant is to be re-assigned to a third country by no later than 1 September 2000, in accordance with Article 3 of Annex X to the Staff Regulations;
- order the Commission of the European Communities to pay all the costs of the proceedings.

Pleas in law and main arguments

The applicant, who is assigned to the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, is contesting the decision rejecting the request submitted by him on 6 June 2000, by which he applied to be assigned to a third country pursuant to Article 3 of Annex X to the Staff Regulations of officials. That request was rejected on the ground that the applicant did not fall within the category of staff covered by the provision in question.

In support of his application, he maintains that the decision in issue:

- infringes Articles 2 and 3 of Annex X to the Staff Regulations;
- infringes Article 2 of the Staff Regulations, as well as the principle of the hierarchy of appointing authorities and the principle of the hierarchy of norms;
- infringes the principle of the protection of legitimate expectations;
- is vitiated by misuse of powers and abuse of process; and
- infringes Article 25 of the Staff Regulations.

Action brought on 3 August 2000 by RENCO S.A. against the Council of the European Union**(Case T-205/00)**

(2000/C 285/36)

(Language of the case: French)

An action against the Council of the European Union was brought before the Court of First Instance of the European