Käräjäoikeus, Finland, for a preliminary ruling in the proceedings pending before that court between Tullihallitus and Kaupo Salumets and Others — on the interpretation of the Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC of 17 May 1977 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes — Common system of value added tax: uniform basis of assessment (OJ 1977 L 145, p. 1), Council Directive 92/12/EEC of 25 February 1992 on the general arrangements for products subject to excise duty and on the holding, movement and monitoring of such products (OJ 1992 L 76, p. 1), Council Directive 92/83/EEC of 19 October 1992 on the harmonisation of the structures of excise duties on alcohol and alcoholic beverages (OJ 1992 L 316, p. 21) and Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code (OJ 1992 L 302, p. 1) — the Court (First Chamber), composed of: L. Sevón, President of the Chamber, P. Jann (Rapporteur) and M. Wathelet, Judges; M. Saggio, Advocate General; H.A. Rühl, Principal Administrator, for the Registrar, has given a judgment on 29 June 2000, in which it has ruled:

Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC of 17 May 1977 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes — Common system of value added tax: uniform basis of assessment, Council Directive 92/12/EEC of 25 February 1992 on the general arrangements for products subject to excise duty and on the holding, movement and monitoring of such products, Council Directive 92/83/EEC of 19 October 1992 on the harmonisation of the structures of excise duties on alcohol and alcoholic beverages and Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code must be interpreted as meaning that their provisions on liability to tax and tax debts apply also to contraband importation into Community customs territory of ethyl alcohol from non-member countries.

(1) OJ C 71 of 13.3.1999.

## JUDGMENT OF THE COURT

(Fifth Chamber)

of 29 June 2000

in Case C-154/99 P: Corrado Politi v European Training Foundation(1)

(Appeal — Temporary staff — Time-limit for lodging complaint — Time-limit for initiating proceedings — Error in classification — Admissibility)

(2000/C 302/09)

(Language of the case: French)

(Provisional translation; the definitive translation will be published in the European Court Reports)

In Case C-154/99 P: Corrado Politia former member of the temporary staff of the European Training Foundation, residing

in Turin (Italy), represented by J.-N. Louis, F. Parmentier and V. Peere, of the Brussels Bar, with an address for service in Luxembourg at Société de Gestion Fiduciaire, Boîte Postale 585 — appeal against the order of the Court of First Instance of the European Communities (Second Chamber) of 9 February 1999 in Case T-124/98 Politi v European Training Foundation [1999] ECR-SC I-A-9 and II-29, seeking to have that order set aside, the other party to the proceedings being: European Training Foundation, represented by B. Wägenbaur, Rechtsanwalt, Hamburg, with an address for service in Luxembourg at the office of C. Gómez de la Cruz, of the Legal Service of the Commission of the European Communities, Wagner Centre, Kirchberg — the Court (Fifth Chamber), composed of: D.A.O. Edward, President of the Chamber, P.J.G. Kapteyn, A. La Pergola, H. Ragnemalm and M. Wathelet (Rapporteur), Judges; F.G. Jacobs, Advocate General; R. Grass, Registrar, has given a judgment on 29 June 2000, in which it:

- 1. Dismisses the appeal;
- 2. Orders Mr Politi to pay the costs.

(1) OJ C 246 of 28.8.1999.

## JUDGMENT OF THE COURT

of 4 July 2000

in Case C-387/97: Commission of the European Communities v Hellenic Republic (1)

(Failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations — Judgment of the Court establishing such failure — Noncompliance — Article 171 of the EC Treaty (now Article 228 EC) — Financial penalties — Periodic penalty payment — Waste Directives 75/442/EEC and 78/319/EEC)

(2000/C 302/10)

(Language of the case: Greek)

(Provisional translation; the definitive translation will be published in the European Court Reports)

In Case C-387/97: Commission of the European Communities (Agent: M. Condou-Durande), supported by United Kingdom