

**COMMISSION DECISION (EU) 2021/1711****of 23 September 2021****appointing members of the panel assisting the Commission in the selection of candidates to perform the duties of members of international investment courts and tribunals**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Whereas:

- (1) On 16 December 2020, the Commission adopted Decision C(2020) 8905 final setting up a panel to assist the Commission in the selection of candidates to perform the duties of members of international investment courts and tribunals and of rosters or other international courts and tribunals (the 'panel').
- (2) In accordance with Decision C(2020) 8905 final, the purpose of the panel is to ensure a rigorous selection process and ensure the highest standards of independent, impartiality and competence of the individuals selected.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 4(1) of Decision C(2020) 8905 final, the panel should be composed of four members, one of whom should be nominated by the Commission, one by Council, one by the Member States, and one by the European Parliament.
- (4) In January 2021, the Commission published an open call for application for the Commission's nominee to the panel <sup>(1)</sup>. In the meantime, both the European Parliament and the Council, together with the Member States, carried out their procedures for the selection of their respective nominees to the panel.
- (5) On 17 March 2021, the President of the European Parliament informed the President of the Commission of the names of a female and a male candidate for the Parliament's nominee to the panel, in order to allow the Commission to take into account the overall gender balance of the panel in its appointment decision.
- (6) On 17 May 2021, the Commission completed its selection process.
- (7) On 22 July 2021, the Council informed the Commission of the names of the respective nominees of the Council and of the Member States,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The following persons are appointed as members of the panel established by Decision C(2020) 8905 final:

- (1) Mr Bruno Simma;
- (2) Ms Inge Govaere;
- (3) Mr Jan Klabbers;
- (4) Mr Pavel Šturma.

*Article 2*

In accordance with Article 4(6) of Decision C(2020) 8905 final and following determination by lot:

- (1) Ms Inge Govaere and Mr Pavel Šturma are appointed for a non-renewable period of six years starting from the date of publication of this Decision;

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<sup>(1)</sup> Available at [https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2021/january/tradoc\\_159356.01.2021.pdf](https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2021/january/tradoc_159356.01.2021.pdf)

- (2) Mr Bruno Simma and Mr Jan Klabbers are appointed for a non-renewable period of nine years starting from the date of publication of this Decision.

*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, 23 September 2021.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

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