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At a public sitting today, Mr Henrik Bull from Norway will take the oath and enter into office as Judge of the EFTA Court with a term of office that ends on 31 December 2011. He will replace the current Judge nominated by Norway, Mr Per Tresselt. At the same public sitting, the three Members of the EFTA Court will elect among them the President of the EFTA Court for a term ending on 31 December 2008.

The public sitting is to be held today, 12 January 2006, at 18:00 in the Courtroom at the Chamber of Commerce, 7 Rue Alcide de Gasperi, Luxembourg. For information on the outcome of the presidential election, please contact Dirk Buschle after 19:00 on +352 42 108 323.

The Judges of the EFTA Court

Carl Baudenbacher was born in 1947; Assistant University of Berne 1972–75; Assistant University of Zurich 1976–1978; Alexander von Humboldt Fellow at the Max Planck-Institute for International Intellectual Property Law in Munich 1979–1982; Court Secretary Bulach District Court 1982–1984; Visiting Professor Universities of Bochum, Berlin, Tübingen, Marburg and Saarbrücken 1984–86; Professor of Private, Commercial, Labour and Economic Law University of Kaiserslautern 1987; Chair of Private, Business and Economic Law University of St. Gallen 1987; Managing Director European Law Institute, University of St. Gallen 1990; Visiting Professor University of Geneva 1991; Chairman St. Gallen Competition Law Forum 1993; Visiting Professor University of Texas at Austin School of Law 1993-2004; Expert advisor of the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein in EEA matters 1990–1994; Member of the Supreme Court of the Principality of Liechtenstein 1994–95; Judge at the EFTA Court since 1995; President of the EFTA Court since 2003.

Thorger Örlygsson was born in 1952; Assistant Judge, City Court of Reykjavík, 1978–1982; Legal Secretary to the Supreme Court Justices, Supreme Court of Iceland, 1982–1984; Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Iceland, 1984–1986; Judge, City Court of Reykjavík, 1986–1987; Professor (Property Law, Law of Obligations, Private International Law), Faculty of Law, University of Iceland, 1987–1999; Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Iceland, 1995–1997; Vice- President of the University of Iceland, 1996–1997; Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Trade of Iceland, 1999–2002; Judge of the EFTA Court from 1 January 2003.

Henrik Bull was born in 1957; 1985-1996 executive officer, later legal adviser, Department of Legislation, Norwegian Ministry of Justice (1990–1993: Norwegian representative in, later EFTA Chairman of, the Joint EFTA-EC General Drafting Committee on the EEA Agreement); 1996-2002 Researcher at the Centre for European Law, University of Oslo; 2002 dr. juris; 2002-2005 associate professor and director, Centre for European Law; 1998-2001 ad hoc member of the College of the EFTA Surveillance Authority; 2001-2005 ad hoc judge of the EFTA Court; since 2002 chairman of the Norwegian Association for European Law.

Per Tresselt was born in 1937 Bergen, Norway. Studies: University of Oslo, Cand. jur. 1961. Professional career: Entered Norwegian Foreign Service, 1961. Various posts, including Legal Department of Foreign Ministry and Permanent Mission to the UN, New York. Special Adviser to the Foreign Minister on Arctic and Antarctic Affairs, 1978. Director General, Legal Department, Foreign Ministry 1983. Ambassador to Berlin 1989, Consul General Berlin 1990. Ambassador to Moscow 1994-1999. Judge of the EFTA Court from 2000 to 2006. Member of Norwegian Delegation to the Seabed Committee and to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea 1971-78, and of Delegation to negotiate a Trade Agreement with the European Economic Community 1972-73. Co-Agent for Norway in the Case concerning maritime delimitation in the area between Greenland and Jan Mayen (Denmark v. Norway), 1988-93. Member of the Arbitral Tribunal in the Southern Bluefin Tuna Cases (Australia and New Zealand v. Japan), 2000. Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration from 1993. Member of the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration within the OSCE from 1999.