



### **Press Release 04/2007**

Today, the EFTA Court published on its web site ([www.eftacourt.lu](http://www.eftacourt.lu)), under 'Judges & Staff', a curriculum vitae for each of its judges and for its registrar, including a list of the individual judges' current outside occupations.

Pursuant to Article 4 of the Statute of the EFTA Court, EFTA Court judges may not engage in any occupation, whether gainful or not, unless exemption is granted by the Governments of the EFTA States acting by common accord. The EFTA States working within the framework of the ESA/Court Committee have been kept informed of the judges' respective activities. However, until now, neither the Governments nor the EFTA Court itself has published a list of such activities.

In the interest of enhanced transparency, the EFTA Court has decided to publish a list of the judges' occupational activities outside the Court. Amongst other things, this will enable anyone having an interest before the Court to evaluate the impartiality of specific judges. This is, of course, without prejudice to the judges' own obligation to safeguard their impartiality in every case they take part in.