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**APPOINTMENT TO THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE**

On 10 November 1999 the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Permanent Representatives Committee, appointed Mr Nicholas FORWOOD <sup>(1)</sup> a member of the Court of First Instance of the European Communities from 2 December 1999 until 31 August 2001.

Mr Nicholas FORWOOD replaces Mr Christopher BELLAMY, who has resigned.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Mr Nicholas FORWOOD *curriculum vitae* is annexed.

**NICHOLAS JAMES FORWOOD Q.C.**  
(dob 22.6.48)

A graduate of Cambridge University in Mechanical Sciences, followed by Part II of the Law Tripos, he was called to the English Bar in 1970. After eight years of practice in London, he moved to Brussels in 1979 as the senior resident barrister in a chambers specialising in EC law. Since then, he has practised extensively in this field, particularly in proceedings before the Court of Justice and Court of First Instance, where he has pleaded regularly both for corporate and individual clients as well as for the E.C. Commission. He was also called to the Irish bar in 1982, and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1987. He practises from chambers in Brussels and in London.

His cases in the European Courts cover many fields. In the competition area, they include cartels, particularly those with an international element (Woodpulp, PVC, Soda Ash, Cement, LdPE and John Deere), abuses of dominant position, in particular cases involving intellectual and industrial property and advanced technology (IBM, Racal/Decca, Hilti and Terapak), resale price maintenance (Publishers Association ("Net Books")), and maritime transport (B&I Sealink, Compagnie Generale Maritime ("FEFC") and Compagnia di Navigazione Marittima - shipping conferences), mergers and concentrations (Zunis, Pynnönnen), coal and steel (Hopkins, NALOO) and state aids (Assurances du Credit, British Cement Assn).

Other areas of experience include anti-dumping and other trade-protection measures, common agricultural policy and environmental cases. He also acted as counsel in the CFI in a number of staff cases, both for the Community institutions, and for Community servants.

He has been involved in some of the leading cases in the national and European courts on the constitutional aspects of EEC law (e.g. Factortame (HL, ECJ)). He pleads regularly in the English courts both on European law and competition issues and on issues under the Brussels Convention on judgments and jurisdiction (Union Transport v. Continental Lines (HL); Von Horn v. Cinnamon (HL, ECJ)). He sits as an arbitrator in EC related cases, and has acted as an expert witness on EC law in cases before other courts, particularly in non-European jurisdictions (Hong Kong and USA).

He is currently the representative of the Bar of England and Wales at the Council of the Bars and Law Societies of the EU (CCBE); treasurer of the European Maritime Law Organization (board member since 1991); and a Governing Board member of the World Trade Law Association. He was a member of the Law Advisory Committee of the British Council from 1987-1993.

He is currently Chairman of the CCBE's Permanent Delegation to the European Court of Justice, and in this capacity has been actively involved in consultations between the European Bars and the European Court in Luxembourg on issues affecting regular practitioners before the Luxembourg courts, including in particular the procedure and practice of the Courts and possible changes to the Statutes of the Court and their Rules of Procedure.