DECISION (EU) 2021/2295 OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES

of 21 December 2021

appointing Judges to the General Court

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 19 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 254 and 255 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The terms of office of 26 Judges of the General Court are due to expire on 31 August 2022. Appointments to these posts should therefore be made for the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2028.

(2) It has been proposed that the terms of office of Mr Lauri MADISE, Mr Iko NÕMM, Ms Anna MARCOULLI, Mr Savvas S. PAPASAVVAS, Ms Tuula PYNNÄ and Mr Heikki KANNINEN be renewed.

(3) Furthermore, Article 48 of Protocol No 3 on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union, as amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2015/2422 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([1]), provides that the General Court is to consist of two Judges per Member State as from 1 September 2019. Article 2, point (c), of that Regulation provides that the term of office of five of the nine additional Judges to be appointed as from 1 September 2019 ends on 31 August 2025.

(4) Mr Damjan KUKOVEC has been nominated for the post of additional Judge of the General Court.

(5) Moreover, in accordance with Article 7 of Protocol No 3 on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union and following the appointment of Mr Anthony COLLINS as Advocate-General of the Court of Justice, a judge should be appointed to the General Court for the remainder of the term of office of Mr Anthony COLLINS, which runs until 31 August 2025.

(6) Ms Suzanne KINGSTON has been nominated for the vacant post.

(7) In accordance with Article 7 of Protocol No 3 on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union and following the appointment of Mr Dimitrios GRATSIAS as Judge to the Court of Justice, a judge should be appointed to the General Court for the remainder of the term of office of Mr Dimitrios GRATSIAS, which runs until 31 August 2022.

(8) Mr Ioannis DIMITRAKOPOULOS has been nominated for the vacant post.

(9) The panel set up under Article 255 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union has given a favourable opinion on the suitability of those candidates to perform the duties of Judges of the General Court,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following persons are hereby appointed to the General Court as Judges for the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2028:

— Mr Lauri MADISE,

— Mr Iko NÕMM,

([1]) Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2015/2422 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2015 amending Protocol No 3 on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union (OJ L 341, 24.12.2015, p. 14).

— Ms Anna MARCOULLI,

— Mr Savvas S. PAPASAVVAS,

— Ms Tuula PYNNÄ,

— Mr Heikki KANNINEN.

Article 2

The following persons are hereby appointed to the General Court as Judges for the period from the date of entry into force of this Decision until 31 August 2025:

— Mr Damjan KUKOVEC,

— Ms Suzanne KINGSTON.

Article 3

Mr Ioannis DIMITRAKOPOULOS is hereby appointed to the General Court as a Judge for the period from the date of entry into force of this Decision until 31 August 2022.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 2021.

The President
I. JARC