



Resolution 1200 (1999)¹

Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Assembly recalls that, for the election of the judges to the new single Court of Human Rights, the candidates were invited to interviews organised by a sub-committee of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights.
2. The conclusions of the sub-committee were made available to all members of the Assembly, prior to elections during one of its part-sessions.
3. The Assembly is of the opinion that these interviews were most helpful in order to obtain a better insight into the qualities of the candidates and thus facilitate a better-informed choice.
4. The Assembly considers, therefore, that the system of holding interviews should be continued, not only in the case of partial renewals of the Court (which take place every three years and in theory concern one half of the judges) but also for any election organised in the case of, for instance, resignation or death of one of the judges.
5. Consequently, it instructs the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights – through one of its sub-committees – to continue organising interviews of all candidates standing for election to the Court and to make its findings available to members of the Assembly.
6. For the first election to the Court, candidates were invited to send in a curriculum vitae on the basis of a model adopted by the Assembly in its Resolution 1082 (1996).
7. This model curriculum vitae proved to be very useful as it contains a number of questions considered to be essential and facilitates comparison between the candidates.
8. Following the experience of the first election of judges to the new Court – and after informal consultation with the Committee of Ministers – the Assembly considers that the practice of inviting candidates to answer the questions in a model curriculum vitae is to be continued, but that the model could be improved upon on a number of points.
9. The Assembly adopts, therefore, the model curriculum vitae which is reproduced below as an appendix to this resolution.
10. The Assembly, furthermore, calls on the Secretary General, and all others involved in the process of selection and election, to start the proceedings at least twelve months before the expiration of the term of office of the sitting judge and to respect the indicative time-table set out in Appendix II to this resolution.
11. The Assembly asks its President to bring this resolution to the attention of the President of the European Court of Human Rights.

1. Assembly debate on 24 September 1999 (32nd Sitting) (see [Doc. 8460](#), report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, rapporteur: Lord Kirkhill). Text adopted by the Assembly on 24 September 1999 (32nd Sitting).



Appendix 1 – Model curriculum vitae for candidates seeking election to the European Court of Human Rights

In order to ensure that the members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe have comparable information at their disposal when electing judges to the European Court of Human Rights, candidates are invited to submit a short curriculum vitae on the following lines:

I. Personal details

Name, forename

Sex

Date and place of birth

Nationality/ies

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

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III. Relevant professional activities

a. Judicial activities

b. Non-judicial legal activities

c. Non-legal professional activities

(Please underline the post(s) held at present)

IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

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V. Public activities

a. Public office

b. Elected posts

c. Posts held in a political party or movement

(Please underline the post(s) held at present)

VI. Other activities

a. Field

b. Duration

c. Functions

(Please underline your current activities)

VII. Publications and other works

(You may indicate the total number of books and articles published, but mention only the most important titles (maximum 8))

VIII. Languages

Language	Reading			Writing			Speaking		
	VG	G	F	VG	G	F	VG	G	F
a. First language									

..... (<i>Veillez préciser</i>)
b. Official languages:									
- English
- French
c. Other languages:									
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IX. Other relevant information

Please confirm that you will take up permanent residence in Strasbourg if elected a judge on the Court.

Appendix 2 – Indicative time-table for the partial renewals of the Court

Time to be granted to the governments of member states for the selection of their candidates and their transmission to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe	4 months
Time to be granted to the Committee of Ministers for consideration of the candidates and deliberation prior to transmission to the Assembly	1½ months
Time to be granted to the Assembly for its election procedures	2½ months (this time may be longer depending upon the Assembly's part-sessions)
Time to be granted to the judge elected for terminating his/her previous employment and settling in Strasbourg (this is important for newly-elected judges but it may, of course, also be important for a sitting judge, who was a candidate but was not re-elected and must therefore make preparations for finding other employment and, possibly, removal to his home country)	4 months
Total time needed for the proceedings	12 months