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List and curricula vitae of candidates submitted by the Government of the Slovak Republic

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1. List and curricula vitae of candidates submitted by the Government of the Slovak Republic

Letter from Mr Drahoslav Štefánek, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the Council of Europe, to Mr Wojciech Sawicki, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, dated 6 June 2013

…

With reference to your letter of 13 September 2012 we hereby submit the names and detailed curricula vitae of the three candidates nominated by the Government of the Slovak Republic for the position of judge at the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the Slovak Republic.

The candidates are as follows:

– Mr Ján Drgonec

– Ms Marica Pirošíková

– Mr Marek Tomašovič

Please find enclosed also information on the procedure by which the candidates were selected.

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Information on national selection procedure for the position of a judge of the European Court of Human Rights

In the Slovak Republic the procedure of selection of the candidates for the position of the judge of the European Court of Human Rights (hereinafter “the ECHR”) is regulated in detail by law which meets required international standards and, in particular criteria enshrined in Article 21 of the European Convention on Human Rights (hereinafter “the Convention”).

According to Article 141a § 4 d) of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic, it is under the authority of the Judicial Council of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter “the Judicial Council”) to submit to the Government of the Slovak Republic proposals of candidates for judges who should act in respect of the Slovak Republic in international judicial bodies.

Respecting this provision of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic, when endorsing the selection of the candidates, the Government of the Slovak Republic may act only upon proposal submitted to it by the Judicial Council.

It is thus the Judicial Council which is vested by the Constitution with the functions of selecting the aforementioned candidates. The Judicial Council is the judiciary's highest body, independent from the legislative and executive power. This body consists of 18 members, almost all of them are serving judges.

When selecting candidates for the position of the judge at the ECHR in current case, the Judicial Council performed its duties in accordance with national procedure provided for in Section 27g of the Act 185/2002 Coll. on the Judicial Council of the Slovak Republic as amended (hereinafter the “Act on Judicial Council”).

Section 27g § 1 of the Act on Judicial Council stipulates that the nomination for the election of the candidate for the position of a judge, who should act in respect of the Slovak Republic in international judicial bodies, can be submitted to the Judicial Council by:

a. a member of the Judicial Council,

b. the Minister of Justice of the Slovak Republic,

c. professional organisation of judges,

d. other professional organisation of lawyers.

Requirements for the candidates for the position of the judge of the Slovak Republic in international judicial bodies are as follows:

a. acquired legal education by completion of a MA course at the law faculty of a university in the Slovak Republic, or possesses recognised document of law education obtained by completion of studies of the same level at foreign university,

b. is of integrity; is probably a credible personality in the field of law and his/her moral qualities give a guarantee that he/she will dully perform his/her mandate.

c. has permanent residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic,

d. has full legal capacity and health conditions which allow him/her to perform the judicial mandate,

e. passed the judicial professional exam, prosecutor's exam, bar exam or notary exam and has at least 5 years of legal practise.

Nomination for a judge, who should act in respect of the Slovak Republic in international judicial body, shall be submitted to the Judicial Council. For the nomination to be approved it has to obtain majority of votes of all Judicial Council members in secret ballot.

On 27 November 2012 the Vice President of the Judicial Council announced that the election of candidates for the position of a judge of the ECHR would take place in accordance with Section 27g § 4 and Section 27a § 3 of the Act on Judicial Council on 22 January 2013. On the same date, the call to authorised nominating bodies was issued inviting them to present the nomination of candidate to the position of judge of the ECHR by 28 December 2012. According to Section 27a § 3 of the Act on Judicial Council, the period to present the nominations of candidates may not be shorter than 15 days since the delivery of the notification on the announcement of election.

Within the prescribed period, seven candidates have been submitted (4 men and 3 women) by authorised nominating bodies to the Judicial Council.

According to Judicial Council assessment, all candidates met statutory requirements and therefore on 22 January 2013 the Judicial Council interviewed all candidates. The list of candidates was established by the secret ballot vote.

Following the vote, the Judicial Council adopted the Resolution No. 41 of 22 January 2013 approving the following candidates for the position of judge at the ECHR: Ms Marica Pirošíková, Mr Ján Drgonec, and Mr Marek Tomašovič.

The Judicial Council subsequently submitted nominations for a judge of the ECHR to the Government of the Slovak Republic, which endorsed the proposed list of candidates (Resolution No. 58 of 6 February 2013).

Appendix 1 – Ján DRGONEC

CURRICULUM VITAE[2]

I. Personal details

Name, forename: DRGONEC, Ján

Sex: male

Date and place of birth: 20 April 1952, Bratislava (Slovakia)

Nationality: Slovakian

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

– 1971-l976: student, Law Faculty of the Comenius University, Bratislava

– 1977: Doctor of Laws (JUDr) in "The History of State and Law" at The Law Faculty of Comenius University, Bratislava

– 198I: Candidate of Legal Sciences (CSc.) under a thesis on law of contract at The Law Faculty of Comenius University, Bratislava

– 1991: Doctor of Legal Sciences (DrSc.) under a work on computer law at The Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava

– 2011: dozent in constitutional law at the Law Faculty, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

III. Relevant professional activities

a. Description of judicial activities

Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic (1993 - 2000)

b. Description of non-judicial legal activities

A. Academic

– **2007 until now: teacher, Law Faculty, Paneurópska vysoká škola (formerly Bratislavská vysoká škola práva (law faculty))**

– 2007-2010: part-time teacher at Právnická fakulta Univerzity Mateja Bela (Law Faculty, University of Matej Bel, Banská Bystrica)

– 1998: Visiting Professor at The University of Texas at Austin (Texas, USA)

– 1980-1992: full-time scientific worker at the Institute of State and Law of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (Ústav štátu a práva SAV), Bratislava

  - 1.2.1980-31.12.1981: scientific assistant;
  - 1.1.1982-25.11.1986: scientific fellow;
  - 26.11.1986-29.7.1990: senior scientific fellow;
  - 27.6.1991-until now: chief research fellow;
  - 1.7.1988-31.1.1990: Head of the Department of Public and Private Law;
  - 1.2.1990-1.2.1993: Head of the Department of Civil and Commercial Law

– 1993-2001 (31 March): part-time chief research fellow at the Institute of State and Law of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava

– 1992: visitor at the Institut suisse de droit comparé, Lausanne

2. Text in bold indicates posts or missions held at present.

– 1993: alumni of The Salzburg Seminar, American Law And Legal Institutions (Session 307)

– 1999: alumni of The Salzburg Seminar, Personal Responsibility Of Judges (Session 370)

B. Private

– January 2000-13.11.2002: attorney at law, Csekes, Világi, Drgonec & partners

– July-August 2000: Short Term Consultant within the staff of The World Bank, Washington D.C. (USA) (ECA - Poverty Reduction/Economic Management Unit)

– **2004-until now: attorney at law**

c. Description of non-legal professional activities

– Draft on an amendment to the Slovakian Constitution harmonizing the immunity of the members of Slovakian parliament with case-law of the European Court of Human Rights (approved as the constitutional law No. 140/2004)

– Draft on the law on privacy protection against tapping (approved as the Law No. 166/2003)

IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

– Reporting judge of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic in cases on freedom of expression (PL US 15/1998), right to access to information (II US 28/96) right to privacy (II US 94/95) right to have case settled within a reasonable time (II US 26/95; II. US 22/96)

– Bar representing applicants before the European Court of Human Rights (*Urbárske spoločenstvo Trenčianske Biskupice v Slovakia*, Application No. 74258/01, *Kvasnica v. Slovakia*, Application No. 72094/01, *Attila Kormoš v. Slovakia*, Application No. 46092/06)

– author of a book in two volumes on fundamental rights and freedoms under the Slovakian Constitution (approximately 600 pages) (for more details see point VII.6 of this CV)

– author of papers on partial issues released in law reviews in the Slovak Republic, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland

V. Public activities

a. Public office

26.6.2002-25.6.2007: member of the Judicial Board of the Slovak Republic

b. Elected posts

– September 2002-June 2006: member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic (the Slovakian Parliament)

– 15.10.2002-June 2006: chairman of the Constitutional and Law Committee of the Parliament

c. Posts held in a political party or movement:

Member of the A.N.O. party (2002 - 2004)

VI. Other activities

a. Field

Member of the Sub-commission for Constitutional Law at the European Commission for Democracy through the Law (Venice Commission) of the Council of Europe

b. Duration

1994-1999

c. Functions

Liaison officer

VII. Publications and other works

1. Ústava Slovenskej republiky. Komentár (Commentary to the Constitution of the Slovak Republic). Šamorín, Heuréka 2003, pages 811. ISBN 80-89122-05-1.

Ústava Slovenskej republiky. Komentár. 2. vydanie (Commentary to the Constitution of the Slovak Republic. 2nd edition). Šamorín, Heuréka 2007, 1197 pages. ISBN 80-89122-38-8.

Ústava Slovenskej republiky. Komentár. 3. vydanie (Commentary to the Constitution of the Slovak Republic. 3rd edition). Šamorín, Heuréka 2012, 1620 pages. ISBN 80-89122-73-8.

2. Ochrana ústavnosti Ústavným súdom Slovenskej republiky (Protection of the constitutionality by the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic). Bratislava, EuroKodex 2010, pages 406. ISBN 978-80-89447-25-1.

3. Konanie pred Ústavným súdom Slovenskej republiky (Proceedings before the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic). Šamorín, Heuréka 2008, pages 251. ISBN 978-80-89122-48-6.

Konanie pred Ústavným súdom Slovenskej republiky. 2. vydanie (Proceedings before the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic. 2nd edition) Šamorín, Heuréka 2012, pages 321. ISBN 978-80-89122-79-0.

4. Základy masmediálneho práva (Fundaments of Mass-Media Law). Bratislava, EuroKodex 2008, pages 500. ISBN 978-80-89363-04-9.

5. Ústava Slovenskej republiky. Komentár k novelizácii ústavným zákonom č. 90/2001 Z.z. (Constitution of the Slovak Republic. Commentary on the amendment no. 90/2001). Šamorín, Heuréka 2001, pages 307. ISBN 80-968567-0-7.

6. Základné práva a slobody podľa Ústavy Slovenskej republiky (The Fundamental Rights And Freedoms Under The Constitution of The Slovak Republic) Zv. 1 (Vol. 1). Bratislava, MANZ, 1997, 264 pages. ISBN 80-85719-13.

Základné práva a slobody podľa Ústavy Slovenskej republiky (The Fundamental Rights And Freedoms Under The Constitution of The Slovak Republic) Zv. 2 (Vol. 2) Bratislava, MANZ 1999, 340 pages. ISBN 80-85719-23-1.

7. Ústavné práva a zdravotníctvo (Constitutional Rights And The Health Care). Bratislava, Archa. 1996, 338 pages. ISBN 80-7115-034-7

8. Tlačové právo na Slovensku (Press Law Within the Territory of Slovakia). Bratislava, Archa 1995, 191 pages. ISBN 80-7115-034-7

9. Moderná medicína a právo (Modern Medicine And The Laws). (joint author P. Holländer) Bratislava, Obzor 1982, 238 pages.

Moderná medicína a právo (Modern Medicine And The Laws) (joint author P. Holländer) 2nd fundamentaly re-worked and supplemented edition. Bratislava, Obzor 1988, 304 pages.

10. Works in English

i. Independence Under Control - The Road For the Judiciary of 21st Century. In: Segado, F.F. (ed.): The Spanish Constitution in the European Constitutional Context. Madrid, Dykinson 2003. pages 2097-2131. ISBN 84-9772-094-6.

ii. The Slovak experience with the realization of fundamental rights and freedoms. In: Complak, K. (ed.): Europa Wschodnia - Ameiyka Lacinska/ Europa del Este - America Latina. Wroclaw, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Wroclawskiego 2002. pages 248-265. ISBN 83-229-2214-0.

iii. The Relationship Between Physician and Patient under the Slovak Law. Medical Law International, 1998. No. 4. pages 287-298.

iv. Laws on Extraordinary Medical Activity in Post-Socialist Central Europe. In: Bioethics: From Ethics to Law, from Law to Ethics. Zürich, Schulthess Polygraphischer Verlag 1997. pages 109-126. ISBN 3 7255 3633 3

v. New Crimes for New Times. In Festschrift fur Jan Stôpàn. Zürich. Schulthess Polygraphischer Verlag 1994. pages 285-294. ISBN 3 7255 3198 6.

vi. The Status of the Foetus. Medicine and Law, 1994, Nos. 3-4, pages 215-239.

VIII. Languages

Language	Reading			Writing			Speaking		
	very good	good	fair	very good	good	fair	very good	good	fair
***a*. First language:**									
Slovakian	x			x			x		
***b*. Official languages:**									
English	x			x				x	
French									
***c*. Other languages:**									
Russian	x			x				x	
Czech	x			x				x	

IX. In the event that you do not meet the level of language proficiency required for the post of judge in an official language [the second], please confirm your intention to follow intensive language classes of the language concerned prior to, and if need be also at the beginning of, your term of duty if elected a judge on the Court.

I am willing to follow intensive language lessons in French.

X. Other relevant information

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

I will take up permanent residence in Strasbourg if elected to the post of judge of the European Court of Human Rights.

Appendix 2 – Marica PIROŠIKOVÁ

CURRICULUM VITAE[3]

I. Personal details

Name, forename: PIROŠIKOVÁ, Marica

Sex: Female

Date and place of birth: 23 September 1976, Banskâ Bystrica (Slovak Republic)

Nationality: Slovak

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

– 1990 - 1994: A. Sládkovič Secondary Grammar School, Banská Bystrica, Slovak Republic

– 1994 - 1995: Alliance française, Paris, France

– 1995 - 2000: Comenius University, Faculty of Law, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

– 2003: Bar examination, Slovak Bar Association, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

– 2004: Qualifying examination to enter permanent civil service, Ministry of Justice, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

– 2004: Post-graduate law examination, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

III. Relevant professional activities

– 2000 - 2002: Lawyer in the Office of the Agent of the Slovak Republic before the European Court of Human Rights, Ministry of Justice, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

– 2002 - 2007: Co-Agent of the Slovak Republic before the European Court of Human Rights, Ministry of Justice, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

– **2007 to present: Agent of the Slovak Republic before the European Court of Human Rights, Ministry of Justice. Bratislava, Slovak Republic**

IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

– 1999 - 2001: Lecturer in the “Street Law” Project which focuses on raising legal awareness of students, police and teachers in secondary grammar schools, Open Society Foundation

– Since 2000: Translation of the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights from French and English into Slovak

– Since 2001: Giving regular talks on the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights at various conferences and seminars

– 2001 - 2002: Project manager and lecturer in the Project “Educating judges and judicial candidates in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights”, Society of Lawyers and Friends of Law

– 2001 - 2004: Giving lectures to students and teachers of secondary grammar schools in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, Information Office of the Council of Europe in Bratislava

– Since 2005: Member of the DH-PR

– 2005 - 2007: Member of the Administrative Board of the Civil Association EUROIURIS - European Legal Centre which organises seminars and conferences on the European law for judges, prosecutors and advocates: publishes in this area of law; prepares, co-ordinates and conducts Slovak and European projects concerning education and research

– Since 2006: Lecturer of the Judicial Academy responsible for giving lectures on the issues concerning the European Court of Human Rights

3. Text in bold indicates posts or missions held at present.

– Since 2008: Leader and lecturer in the project “Legal protection of the human rights in the EU and CoE and its application within the legal system of the Slovak Republic” (seminars for judges, prosecutors, legal advisers to the Constitutional Court), Civil Association EUROIURIS and Open Society Foundation

– 2008: In co-operation with the Council of Europe organisation of the Seminar on the role of Government Agents in ensuring effective human rights protection organised under the Slovak Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

– Since 2008: As an expert on the Council of Europe, I have given lectures on the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights in various Member States of the Council of Europe

– Since 2008: Member of the Slovak Association of European Law

– 2009: Member of the DH-RE

– 2011: Member of the DH-GDR

– 2012. Member of the Commission of the Civil Procedure Recodification

V. Public activities

VI. Other activities

VII. Publications and other works

Author of the monograph

– Commentary on the selected Articles of the Convention on the Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, 2007

Co-author of the following publications:

– Case-law of the European Court of Human Rights on the selected Articles of the Convention on the Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, 2001

– Advocate before the European Courts, 2004

– French - Slovak, Slovak - French Legal Dictionary, 2005

– General Administrative Law, 2007

– Human Rights - selected decisions of the European Court of Human Rights and Court of the European Communities, 2008 (updated 2012)

Author of a number of articles including:

– Tendencies concerning the application of Article 6 (1) of the Convention in the disputes involving public authorities, Judicial Revue 2002

– Discontinuation of the criminal proceedings, reduction of sentence due to the delays in the proceedings, Judicial Revue 2003

– Interpretation of certain domestic Acts in the light of the guarantees contained in Article 5 of the Convention, Judicial Revue 2003

– The Auschwitz Lie, Judicial Revue 2004

– Effectiveness of domestic remedies in the view of the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, Judicial Revue 2004

– Protection of personality rights, Act no. 58/1969 Coll. and their interpretation in accordance with the guarantees of Article 5 of the Convention, Judicial Revue 2005

– The amount of the just satisfaction awarded at national level for delays in the proceedings in the light of the recent case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, Judicial Revue 2005

– Execution of the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights by re-opening the proceedings, Judicial Revue 2005

– Rights of the victim of a criminal offence in the light of the European Court of Human Rights' case-law, Judicial Revue 2005

– The right of an accused to consult the file in connection with the decision on custody given in the pretrial proceedings, Judicial Revue 2007

– Constitutional complaint and the right to a hearing within a reasonable time, Judicial Revue 2008 The right to life and protection of personality rights action, Judicial Revue 2009

– The current decisions of the European Court of Human Rights concerning protection of property, Bulletin of Slovak Advocacy 2011

– The case-law of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic from the European Court of Human Rights' view, Bulletin of Slovak Advocacy 2012

– The actual case-law of the European Court of Human Rights concerning the application of Article 6(1) of the Convention, Bulletin of Slovak Advocacy 2012

– For Judicial Revue, furthermore, I select and process the translations of decisions of the European Court of Human Rights.

VIII. Languages

Language	Reading			Writing			Speaking		
	Very good	good	fair	Very good	good	fair	Very good	good	fair
a. **First language:**									
Slovak	X			X			X		
b. **Official Languages:**									
English	X			X			X		
French	X			X			X		

IX. In the event that you do not meet the level of language proficiency required for the post of judge in an official language [the second], please confirm your intention to follow intensive language classes of the language concerned prior to, and if need be also at the beginning of, your term of duty if elected a judge on the Court.

In the event that I do not meet the level of language proficiency required for the post of judge in an official language [the second], I confirm my intention to follow intensive language classes of the language concerned prior to, and if need be also at the beginning of, my term of duty if elected a judge on the Court.

X. Other relevant information

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

I confirm my intention to take up permanent residence in Strasbourg if elected a judge on the Court.

Appendix 3 – Marek TOMAŠOVIČ

CURRICULUM VITAE[4]

I. Personal details

Name, forename: TOMAŠOVIČ, Marek

Sex: Male

Date and place of birth: 3 November 1972, Smolenice, Slovak Republic

Nationality: Slovak Republic

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

2001 – 2007: Comenius University Bratislava, Faculty of Law PhD. degree - post graduate studies in commercial law

November 2000: Bar examination, Slovak Bar Association of Advocates, Bratislava

June 2000: Bar examination, Slovak Bar Association of Enforcement Officers (Chambre des huissiers de justice), Bratislava

February 2000: JUDr. law degree - post graduate law examination

1992 – 1997: Comenius University Bratislava, Faculty of Law, Master degree in general law

1987 – 1993: Conservatoire of Music, Bratislava, Studies - piano, orchestral conducting

III. Relevant professional activities

2008 – present: Public prosecutor (Procureur), General prosecution service of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava

August 2012 – present: Member of the Ministry of Justice Commission for the Recodification of the Code of Civil Procedure

2000 – 2008: Enforcement officer (Huissier de justice), Bratislava

1999 – 2000: In-house Counsel, Slovak Telecom, Bratislava

1998 – 1999: Trainee Advocate, Advocate Office, Bratislava

1997 – 1998: Trainee Notary, Notary Office, Bratislava

IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

September - November 2011: Internship at the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg

May - November 2011: Co-operation with Council of Europe's Group of Specialists (CJ-S-PR) preparing the draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)11 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the role of public prosecutors outside the criminal justice system

V. Public activities

None.

VI. Other activities

October 2012: Interactive study program ACCESS TO CIVIL JUSTICE, London, organized by Public Administration International, focused on civil justice system of England and Wales - two weeks

4. Text in bold indicates posts or missions held at present.

December 2010: Individual training at the Public prosecution service, Paris (Parquet du tribunal de grande instance de Paris) - one week

July 2010: Summer School in English Legal Methods, University of Cambridge

October 2009: Individual training organized by the Bar of enforcement officers, Paris (Chambre nationale des huissiers de justice) - one week

September 2009: Individual training at the Regional Court in Munich (Landgericht München)

July 1999: Lectures and Seminars in Private International Law, The Hague Academy of International law

July 1997: Summer School in English Legal Methods University of Cambridge

August 1996: Université d'été Lions des Sciences Économiques, Cannes, France

VII. Publications and other works

– Co-author of publication: “Enforcement Proceedings Rules. Commentary”. Authors: Števček/Ficová and other authors. Publisher: C.H.Beck 2011. ISIN 987-80-7400-335- 6.

– Article: “Selected Issues on the Burden of Allegation and Proof in Claims Based on Bills of Exchange”. Published in: Judicial Revue 2/2011.

– Article: “Selected Issues on Enforcement via Sale of Real Property”. Published in: Judicial Revue 5/2010.

– Article: “Parties to Proceedings in the Commercial Register Matters.” Published in: Judicial Revue 11/2008.

– Article: “Enforcement via Sale of Participation Interests.” Published in: Commercial Law 12/2007, 1 - 2/2008.

– Article: “Enforcement via Sale of Securities of the Obliged Party.” Published in: Judicial Revue 12/207.

– Article: “Application of Matrimonial Property Law to Participation Interests in Legal Entities.” Published in: Judicial Revue 6 - 7/2007.

– Monograph: “Enforcement Proceedings Rules with Commentary.” Publisher: Eurokódex, Entrepreneur's Adviser, s.r.o., ISBN 80-88931-41-X, 2006.

– Monograph: “Enforcement Proceedings Rules with Commentary.” Published in: Economic and Legal Adviser of Entrepreneur 10-11/2003.

– Co-author of publication: “Commercial Code with Commentary.” Authors: Maria Patakyova and other authors. Published in: Economic and Legal Adviser of Entrepreneur 3/1999.

VIII. Languages

Language	Reading			Writing			Speaking		
	Very good	good	fair	Very good	good	fair	Very good	good	fair
***a.* First language:**									
Slovak	X			X			X		
***b.* Official languages:**									
English	X			X			X		
French	X			X			X		
***c.* Other languages:**									
German	X			X			X		
Spanish	X			X			X		
Italian		X			X			X	

IX. In the event that you do not meet the level of language proficiency required for the post of judge in an official language [the second], please confirm your intention to follow intensive language classes of the language concerned prior to, and if need be also at the beginning of, your term of duty if elected a judge on the Court.

I believe I meet the level of language proficiency required for the post of judge in both official languages. Nevertheless I confirm my intention to follow intensive language classes of the language concerned if need be prior to, or also at the beginning of, my term of duty if elected a judge on the Court.

X. Other relevant information: none

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

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