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Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

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1. Report of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

The Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights held a meeting in Paris on 4 and 5 April 2024, first with Ms Petra BAYR (Austria, SOC), then Mr Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC (Romania, EPP/CD), and then again Ms Petra BAYR in the Chair.

The committee assessed the lists of the candidates to the Court in respect of Latvia, Liechtenstein, Austria, Monaco and Ireland.[1]

2. Conclusions of the committee on the lists of candidates submitted by Latvia, Liechtenstein, Austria, Monaco and Ireland

2.1. Latvia

The committee interviewed all the candidates on 4 April 2024.

The committee recommends to the Assembly, by a large majority, Mr Artūrs KUČS as the most qualified candidate.

2.2. Liechtenstein

The committee interviewed all the candidates on 4 April 2024.

The committee recommends to the Assembly, by a narrow majority, Ms Catherine REITER as the most qualified candidate, over Mr Alain CHABLAIS.

2.3. Austria

The committee decided to postpone until a later date its decision on the recommendation to the Assembly concerning this list.

2.4. Monaco

The committee decided to postpone until a later date its decision on the recommendation to the Assembly concerning this list.

1. See Appendix 1 for the lists of candidates submitted by the governments concerned. The full lists and curricula vitae of candidates can be found in Assembly documents: Doc. 15949 (Latvia), Doc. 15924 (Liechtenstein), Doc. 15948 (Austria), Doc. 15934 (Monaco), Doc. 15938 (Ireland).

2.5. Ireland

The committee interviewed all the candidates on 5 April 2024.

The committee recommends to the Assembly, by a large majority, Ms Úna NÍ RAIFEARTAIGH as the most qualified candidate.

Appendix 1 – Lists of candidates submitted by the Governments of Latvia, Liechtenstein, Austria, Monaco and Ireland

Latvia

– Mr Artūrs KUČS
– Mr Jānis NEIMANIS
– Ms Daiga REZEVSKA

Liechtenstein

– Mr Alain CHABLAIS
– Ms Marie-Louise GÄCHTER
– Ms Catherine REITER

Austria

– Mr Gregor HEIßL
– Ms Ursula KRIEBAUM
– Ms Brigitte OHMS

Monaco

– Mr Sébastien BIANCHERI
– Ms Michèle DUBROCARD
– Mr Yves STRICKLER

Ireland

– Mr Fergal GAYNOR
– Ms Úna NÍ RAIFEARTAIGH
– Mr Colm Ó CINNÉIDE

Appendix 2 – Members of the committee who participated in the meeting[2]

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group (SOC)

– Ms Petra BAYR, Austria – Chairperson

– Mr Titus CORLĂŢEAN, Romania

– Mr Constantinos EFSTATHIOU, Cyprus

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD)

– Mr Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania – First Vice Chairperson

– Mr Pablo HISPÁN, Spain

– Mr Volker ULLRICH, Germany

– Mr Vladimir VARDANYAN, Armenia

– Mr Sergiy VLASENKO, Ukraine

European Conservatives Group & Democratic Alliance (EC/DA)

– Sir Christopher CHOPE, United Kingdom

– Mr Axel KASSEGGER, Austria

– Mr Serhii KALCHENKO, Ukraine – Second Vice Chairperson

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

– Mr Régis BERGONZI, Monaco

– Mr Damien COTTIER, Switzerland

– Ms Elena-Simona SPĂTARU, Romania

– Ms Lesia VASYLENKO, Ukraine (online)

– Ms Rian VOGELS, Netherlands

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Ex officio members

– Lord Richard KEEN, United Kingdom

Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly

– Ms Despina CHATZIVASSILIOU-TSOVILIS, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly

– Mr Günter SCHIRMER, Head of the Secretariat of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

– Mr Guillem CANO-PALOMARES, Deputy to the Head of the Secretariat of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

2. Not all members of the committee participated in the votes.