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### **Partial transfer of jurisdiction from the Court of Justice to the General Court: creation within the General Court of a Chamber specialising in preliminary ruling cases, and election of Advocates General**

Following the amendment of the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union,<sup>1</sup> which, with effect from 1 October, transferred from the Court of Justice to the General Court part of the jurisdiction to give preliminary rulings,<sup>2</sup> the General Court has designated the Judges who will sit in the newly created Chamber giving preliminary rulings between October 2024 and August 2025.

In accordance with the decision adopted by the Plenum of the General Court on 9 October, that Chamber will be presided over by the Vice-President of the General Court, Mr Savvas Papasavvas, and will sit, in principle, with five Judges, who will be designated in rotation from among the following 10 Judges:

1. Judge Nina Póltorak;
2. Judge Tuula Riitta Pynnä;
3. Judge Johannes Christoph Laitenberger;
4. Judge Gerhard Hesse;
5. Judge Miguel Sampaio Pucurull;
6. Judge Mirela Stancu;
7. Judge Gabriele Steinfatt;
8. Judge David Petrлік;
9. Judge Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos;
10. Judge William Valasidis.

In addition, on the basis of the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union<sup>3</sup> and the Rules of Procedure of the General Court,<sup>4</sup> the General Court has elected the Judges called upon to perform the duties of an Advocate General in dealing with requests for a preliminary ruling. These are:

1. Judge José Martín y Pérez de Nanclares;
2. Judge Maja Brkan.

Judge Ion Gâlea, for his part, has been elected as the Judge called upon to replace these Advocates General if they are prevented from acting.

The term of office of the Judges and Advocates General dealing with requests for a preliminary ruling will cover the period running from October 2024 to August 2025; the date of the triennial renewal of the General Court.

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<sup>1</sup> [Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) 2024/2019](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 amending Protocol No 3 on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

<sup>2</sup> See [Press Release No 125/24](#).

<sup>3</sup> See Article 49a of the [Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union](#) (consolidated version).

<sup>4</sup> See Article 31a of the [Rules of Procedure of the General Court](#) (consolidated version).