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Press Notice

Formal sitting of the Court, 9 February 1982

In the course of a formal sitting on 9 February 1982 the Court of Justice of the European Communities in Luxembourg is to take leave of its Registrar, Albert Van Houtte, and the new Registrar Elect, Paul Emil Heim, will take the oath.

In a career which is without precedent in the Community institutions, Mr Van Houtte has acted as Registrar without interruption since 1953, the actual year in which the Court of Justice was set up.

Mr Van Houtte, who was born at Nieuwkapelle (Dixmude) in Belgium on 12 November 1914, held important university, national and international posts even before he was appointed to the Court of Justice. In 1938 he obtained the degree of Doctor of Law at the Catholic University of Louvain and subsequently, in 1940, a degree in Political and Social Economics. After practising as an advocate in Louvain he was appointed adviser in economic and tax matters to the Farmers' Union of Belgium. He became a lecturer in 1943, and from 1956 to 1963, Reader in the Faculty of Economic Sciences at the University of Louvain.

In September 1944 he was appointed Principal Private Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture. In 1945 Mr Van Houtte's international career commenced.

He was appointed a member of the Belgian Delegation to the first Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Quebec and from 1946 to 1949 he acted as Secretary to the European Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome where he wound up the

International Institute of Agriculture, the predecessor of the Food and Agriculture Organization. At the end of 1949 he was recalled to Belgium to become Chairman of the Belgian National Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization.

After assuming numerous responsibilities as the representative of Belgium at the Food and Agriculture Organization, on 19 March 1953 Mr Van Houtte became the first Registrar of the Court of Justice of the European Coal and Steel Community and, on 7 October 1958, Registrar of the Court of Justice of the European Communities. His six-year term of office was renewed four times.

In addition to his judicial and administrative duties Mr Van Houtte has always taken a great interest in the organization of teaching for the children of officials of the ECSC and in the establishment of the European Schools which are now 10 in number.

For 12 years, from 1953 to 1965, he acted as representative of the Board of Governors of the European Schools and in that capacity was Chairman of the Administrative Board of the six schools established by it.

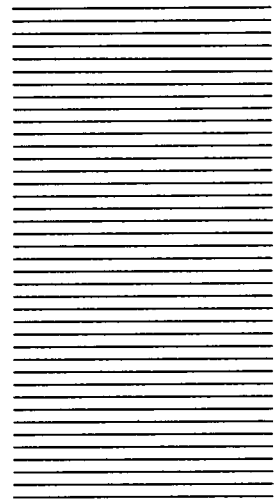
In addition Mr Van Houtte has devoted a great deal of time and attention to the co-ordination of administration between the European institutions.

In succession to Mr Van Houtte the Court of Justice has appointed Paul Emil Heim. Mr Heim, who is of British nationality, was born in Vienna in 1932. His career offers certain similarities in that it includes the Bar, the Bench and the European civil service. For ten years from 1955 he held important judicial posts in Kenya in the course of which he became Registrar of the Supreme Court of Kenya.

After 1965 Mr Heim's career entered on a decidedly European stage. He was an assistant administrator in the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and subsequently an administrator with the European Commission of Human Rights. In 1969 he was appointed Deputy Head of the Private Office of the Council of Europe.

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In 1973 the accession of the United Kingdom to the European Communities provided fresh scope for Mr Helm. He became head of one of the divisions of the Registry of the European Parliament and in 1975 he became Director of the Parliamentary Sessions Service.



Albert Van HOUTTE

Né à Nieuwkapelle le 12 novembre 1914. Docteur en droit en 1938. Licence en économie politique et sociale (1940). Secrétaire de la Commission administrative des prisons de Louvain (1937-1946). Avocat à Louvain (1938-1940). Conseiller économique et fiscal. Professeur d'économie politique à l'Ecole sociale de Heverlee (1942-1944). Chargé de cours à Louvain (depuis 1956). Chef de cabinet du ministre de l'agriculture (1944-1945). Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture (F.A.O.) de 1945 à 1952 : collaborateur du conseiller spécial pour l'Europe du directeur général de la F.A.O., président du Comité national belge, représentant de la Belgique au Conseil de la F.A.O., chef de la délégation belge à trois conférences. Auteur d'une vingtaine d'études sur l'agriculture, la F.A.O. et la C.E.C.A.

Greffier à la Cour de Justice depuis le 19 mars 1953.