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EUROPEAN COM'UNITIES' COURT OF JUSTICE STARTS FORK

Luxembourg, October 6: The Court of Justice of the European Communities will officially start operation tomorrow, Tuesday, October 7. The seven judges and two court advocates will take their oath and officially take up their new posts in a public ceremony in Luxembourg.

The proceedings, which will start at 17.45, will be attended by their Royal Highnesses Prince Jean and Princess Josephine-Charlotte of Luxembourg. Representatives of the Institutions of the European Communities, as well as leading legal personalities of the six Community countries, will attend the ceremony.

The new Court of Justice will replace the Court of Justice of the Furopean Coal and Steel Community (DCSC) and will serve all three European Communities - the European Coal and Steel Community, the European Economic Community (Common Market) and the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom). It will serve as the judicial control in the federal structure of the European Communities, providing a Court with which appeals may be lodged against the decisions of the Communities'

The new Court is composed as follows:

President: Prof. A.M. DOWNER (Netherlands) - Va Judges: MM. N. CATALANO (Italy) L. DELVAUX Belgium) -Ch.L. HAMTES (Luxembourg) O. RIESE (Germany) R. ROSSI Italy) J. RULFF (France) Court advocates: MM L. LAGRANGE (France) M. ROEMER (Germany)