COUNCIL DECISION

of 11 February 2014

appointing the members of the panel provided for in Article 255 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

(2014/76/EU)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 255 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a(1) thereof,

Having regard to the initiative by the President of the Court of Justice on 25 November 2013,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to the first paragraph of Article 255 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a panel is to be set up in order to give an opinion on candidates' suitability to perform the duties of Judge and Advocate-General of the Court of Justice and the General Court before the Governments of the Member States make the appointments (hereafter referred to as the 'panel').

(2) The panel is to comprise seven persons chosen from among former members of the Court of Justice and the General Court, members of national supreme courts and lawyers of recognised competence, one of whom is to be proposed by the European Parliament.

(3) Account should be taken of a balanced membership of the panel, both in geographical terms and in terms of representation of the legal systems of the Member States.

(4) The members of the panel and its President should therefore be appointed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For a period of four years from 1 March 2014, the following shall be appointed members of the panel provided for in Article 255 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union:

Mr Jean-Marc SAUVÉ, President

Mr Luigi BERLINGUER

Ms Pauliine KOSKELO

Lord MANCE

Mr Péter PACZOLAY

Mr Christiaan TIMMERMANS

Mr Andreas VOSSKUHLE

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 March 2014.

Done at Brussels, 11 February 2014.

For the Council
The President
E. VENIZELOS