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New Deputy Registrar of the Court elected

The European Court of Human Rights' judges, sitting in plenary session, have today elected Françoise Elens-Passos Deputy Registrar of the Court for a five-year term of office starting on 1 December 2015.

Françoise Elens-Passos will succeed Michael O'Boyle, who has been Deputy Registrar of the Court from 2006 to 2015.

A Belgian national, born in 1953 in Germany, Françoise Elens-Passos studied law at the *Université catholique de Louvain*. She was legal officer (1981-1990) and later principal legal officer (1990-1991) in the Secretariat of the former European Commission of Human Rights. Within the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, she served successively as Head of Division (1998-2002) and Deputy Section Registrar (2002-2013) before taking up her present post of Section Registrar.

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