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## Election of five new judges to the European Court of Human Rights

The Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) of the Council of Europe elected five new judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Poland, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Judges are elected by PACE from a list of three candidates nominated by each State which has ratified the European Convention on Human Rights.

On 26 June, Helena Jäderblom was elected, with an absolute majority of votes cast, as judge in respect of Sweden for a term of office of 9 years starting not later than 3 months as from 26 June 2012.

More information on PACE website.

On 27 June, four judges were elected, with a relative majority of votes cast: Aleš Pejchal in respect of the Czech Republic, Johannes Silvis in respect of the Netherlands, Krzysztof Wojtyczek in respect of Poland and Paul Mahoney in respect of the United Kingdom. Their terms of office start on 1 November 2012.

More information on **PACE** website.

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