



Luxembourg, 5 May 2021

## **DECISION OF THE COURT**

on the publication of written observations  
lodged in Advisory Opinion cases

The Court,

Having regard to the principle of openness and transparency in judicial proceedings,

Having regard to the need to balance this transparency with the protection of personal data,

Having regard to the public consultation conducted by the Court.

**HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS**

1. All written observations, lodged in Advisory Opinion cases, shall be published on the Court's website as soon as the judgment in the case has been delivered, unless the oral hearing in the case has taken place in camera;
2. Invitations to submit written observations shall include a paragraph stating that all written observations will be published, and requesting those who submit documents, including confidential and sensitive information, which should be not made public, to submit also a non-confidential version;
3. This decision shall apply to all requests for an Advisory Opinion registered at the Court as from 1 January 2021.