



Luxembourg, 22 January 2025

## **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,

**HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS**

1. All written observations, lodged in Advisory Opinion cases, shall be published on the Court's website before the oral hearing takes place, unless it is held in camera, or if a request for confidentiality has been submitted and approved;
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 for publication; the invitations shall also state that those who consider that the written observations submitted should, exceptionally, only be published after the judgment of the Court has been delivered, should submit a request setting out the reasons thereto;
3. This decision shall apply to all requests for an Advisory Opinion registered at the Court as from 1 February 2025.