Court of First Instance of the European Communities

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PURPOSE : to amend Decision 88/594/ECSC, EEC, Euratom establishing a Court of First Instance of the European Communities. CONTENT : the number of cases before the Court of First Instance is increasing and it is necessary to ensure that it is properly equipped to exercise its new jurisdiction in the field of intellectual property litigation, in particular the jurisdiction provided for by Article 63 of Council Regulation 40/94/EC on the Community trade market. To that end, the number of judges of the Court of First Instance, fixed at 15 must be increased to 21 in order to enable it to set up two additional Chambers composed of three judges.