

**DECISION No 2/2021 OF THE EPA COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE STEPPING STONE
ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN CÔTE D'IVOIRE, OF THE ONE PART, AND
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES, OF THE OTHER PART**

of 20 October 2021

concerning the adoption of the list of arbitrators [2021/2001]

THE EPA COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, signed in Abidjan on 26 November 2008 and applied on a provisional basis since 3 September 2016, and in particular Article 64(1) thereof,

Whereas:

The stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part (the 'Agreement') provides that the EPA Committee is to establish a list of 15 persons who are willing and able to serve as arbitrators in the settlement of disputes that may arise between the Parties,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The list of 15 persons who are willing and able to serve as arbitrators (the 'list of arbitrators') is established in accordance with Article 64(1) of the Agreement and set out in the Annex to this Decision.
2. The list of arbitrators is established without prejudice to any special rules provided for in the Agreement or which may be decided by the EPA Committee.

Article 2

The list of arbitrators may be amended by a decision of the EPA Committee taken in accordance with Article 67 of the Agreement.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

Done at Brussels, 20 October 2021.

For the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
Kalilou SYLLA

For the European Union
Cristina MIRANDA GOZALVEZ

ANNEX

List of arbitrators (Article 64(1) of the Agreement)

Arbitrators selected by Côte d'Ivoire:

Mr Abbe YAO – Côte d'Ivoire
Mr Abdouramane OUATTARA – Côte d'Ivoire
Mr Joachim BILA AKA – Côte d'Ivoire
Mr Narcisse AKA – Côte d'Ivoire
Mr Karim FADIKA – Côte d'Ivoire

Arbitrators selected by the European Union:

Mr Claus-Dieter EHLERMANN – Germany
Mr Giorgio SACERDOTI – Italy
Mr Jacques BOURGEOIS – Belgium
Mr Pieter Jan KUIJPER – Netherlands
Ms Hélène RUIZ FABRI – France

Arbitrators jointly selected by the two Parties:

Mr Martial AKAKPO - Togo
Ms Anna KOUYATE – Mali
Mr Thomas COTTIER – Switzerland
Ms Merit E. JANOW – United States
Mr Helge SELAND – Norway
