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Alastair Sutton was educated at Fairfield Grammar School, Bristol and at the Universities of Aberdeen (LL.B.) and London (LL.M.). He was called to the English Bar by Middle Temple in 1972. Between 1967 and 1973, he taught public international and European law, as well as UK constitutional law, at University College London.

Between 1973 and 1989, Mr. Sutton was an official of the European Commission. His career in the Commission embraced most areas of Community law and policy. From 1973 to 1979, he was a trade negotiator for the EC both within the GATT (multifibres arrangement and Tokyo Round) and with the Community's trading partners in Eastern Europe, Asia and the Americas. At this time, Mr. Sutton was also responsible for drafting and enforcing EC anti-dumping, anti-subsidy and safeguard legislation.

Between 1979 and 1984, Mr. Sutton represented the European Commission in its Tokyo Delegation, with responsibility for EU-Japan relations on trade, industry, finance, agriculture and technology. On his return to Brussels, Mr. Sutton joined the Cabinet of Lord Cockfield, the UK Commission Vice President with responsibility for the Single Market. Mr. Sutton was specifically responsible for legal questions (including the prosecution of infringement proceedings against Member States, state aids and competition) and external relations (including the external aspects of the Single Market). His career in the Commission ended as Head of Division for financial services in 1989 under Commissioner Sir Leon Brittan.

Since 1989, Mr. Sutton has practised European law in Brussels, first in Forrester Norall & Sutton and (since 1998) in White & Case following the merger of the two Firms. Until 2005, Mr. Sutton was a member of Blackstone Chambers in London. At the same time, Mr. Sutton has been Visiting Professor of European and international trade law at University College London, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. Mr. Sutton is currently Visiting Fellow of Centre of European Law at King's College London, Honorary Professor of European Law at the University of Edinburgh and Professor of European Law at Reykjavik University, Iceland. He has also lectured and published widely on European and international trade law.

Mr. Sutton's current practice covers the internal and external law of the EU Single Market, especially financial services, competition, state aids, corporate governance and economic crime and taxation. Mr. Sutton has acted as the advisor on European law and policy for Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man since leaving the European Commission in 1989. In particular, he has assisted the Islands in their relations with the EU, including the negotiations under the Tax on Savings Directive and Code of Conduct on business taxation.

Mr. Sutton recently chaired a Working Group in the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) on EU financial regulation and supervision beyond 2005 and was a member of the CEPS Working Party on the consolidation of retail financial markets in the EU. Mr. Sutton also chaired the CEPS Task Force on the tax regime of the European company Statute. In the field of financial services, Mr. Sutton's clients include financial institutions inside and outside the EU, as well as sovereign jurisdictions outside the EU, particularly on the regulatory and supervisory aspects of EU law.

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