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MARTA CARTABIA ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

The Constitutional Court, in chambers, elected Justice Marta Cartabia as President of the Court. Fifteen justices took part in the vote and fourteen votes were cast in her favour (she herself abstained from voting).

Marta Cartabia is the first woman to be elected President of the Court. She will hold the office until 13 September 2020, when her term as a constitutional judge will end. President Cartabia confirmed Justices Aldo Carosi and Mario Morelli as Vice-Presidents of the Court.

President Cartabia was born in Legnano, Milan, on 14 May 1963. She is married and has three children. She is a Professor of Constitutional Law and had been appointed to the Constitutional Court by the President of the Italian Republic. Her election as President of the Court follows her appointment as its Vice-President, in November 2014.

From the very beginning, President Cartabia's academic and research career has focused intensely on the subject of constitutional law, with significant attention to the European and international dimensions.

President Cartabia earned a Ph.D. from the European University Institute, Fiesole (1993). During her studies, she was a Visiting Scholar at the Michigan Law School (Ann Arbor, USA, 1991).

President Cartabia has taught in several Italian universities and was a Visiting Professor in France, Spain, Germany and the USA. Her many academic achievements include the awarding of a Jean Monnet Module in European

Constitutional Law (2005-2008), the Clynes Chair in Judicial Ethics at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana (USA, 2013) and an invitation as Inaugural Fellow at the Straus Institute for the Advanced Study of Law & Justice, New York University, New York (USA, 2009-2010).

Over the years, President Cartabia has participated in commissions in charge of the strategic development of leading university institutions, such as the European University Institute, Fiesole, and the School of Law of the Catholic University of Portugal.

Since 2013, she has been invited to attend the yearly Global Constitutionalism Seminar, part of the Gruber Program for Global Justice and Women's Rights organized by Yale Law School (USA).

As for her institutional positions, President Cartabia was a judicial assistant at the Italian Constitutional Court (1993-1996).

From 2008 to 2010, President Cartabia was a member of the Fundamental Rights Agency Network of Legal Experts (FRALEX) of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights in Vienna, as Legal Expert for Italy.

Since December 2017, she has been a member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (also known as the Venice Commission), a body of the Council of Europe that advises and provides independent reflections on key principles of the European constitutional heritage: democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

In 2018, she co-founded the Italian Chapter of ICON•S, the International Society of Public Law, and began serving as its co-President, a position she continues to hold today. She has been a member of the Society's International Council since 2014.

Since the year 2000, President Cartabia has been a member of the *Associazione italiana dei costituzionalisti*.

President Cartabia also holds positions of responsibility in the editorial boards of several scholarly journals, including the Executive Committee of *Quaderni costituzionali* (Il Mulino) and *Diritto e società* (Editoriale Scientifica), as well as the Advisory Board of the *International Journal of Constitutional Law* (I•CON).

In 2009, she co-founded the first English-language Italian academic journal on public law, the *Italian Journal of Public Law*. She has been a co-director of this publication since its establishment.

President Cartabia's bibliography counts over 230 publications in several languages, including books, chapters and journal articles. Her research focuses mainly on Italian and European constitutional law, constitutional justice, protection of fundamental rights and religion-State relations.

Her scholarly production includes the book titled *Principi inviolabili e integrazione europea* (Giuffr , 1995). With Joseph Weiler, President Cartabia published *L'Italia in Europa* (Il Mulino, 2000); and in 2013, with Andrea Simoncini, President Cartabia edited *La legge di re Salomone. Ragione e diritto nei discorsi di Benedetto XVI* (Rizzoli), also released in English with Cambridge University Press. With V. Barsotti, P. Carozza and A. Simoncini, in 2015 President Cartabia published the first book in English on the Italian Constitutional Court, *Italian Constitutional Justice in the Global Context* (Oxford University Press), which will soon be followed by a volume, published with Routledge, exploring certain constitutional justice topics from a comparative perspective. In 2018, for Il Mulino, President Cartabia and Luciano Violante wrote *Giustizia e mito. Con Edipo, Antigone e Creonte, una riflessione sul diritto a partire dall'Edipo re e dall'Antigone di Sofocle*, which is being translated into English and Arabic. Her book *Constitution of Italy*, written together with Nicola Lupo, will soon be released by Hart Publishing.

Professor Marta Cartabia has written 171 judgments since her appointment to the Constitutional Court in 2011. Some of her most important judgments may be accessed on the Constitutional Court's website, at the page *Il Presidente*.

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