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Change in the composition of the Arbitral Tribunal concerning the redemption of Pohjola Bank plc minority shares

One of the three members of the Redemption Committee of the Chamber of Commerce's Arbitral Tribunal has changed. Attorney **Matti Ylä-Mononen** has announced his resignation from arbitration duties. The Redemption Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has nominated Attorney **Justus Könkkölä**. The other two members are Attorney **Pekka Puhakka** (Chair) and Attorney **Petra Kiurunen**.

OP-Pohjola Group Central Cooperative has 98.41% of Pohjola shares and 99.14% of the votes conferred by shares.

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