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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of June 2002

GEMPLUS INTERNATIONAL S.A. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Gemplus International S.A. (Translation of registrant's name in English)

Aerogolf Center

1 Hohenhof

L-2633 Senningerberg

Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F_X_ Form 40-F____

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes___ No _X_

For Immediate Release 24 June 2002

Appointment of Chairman

Luxembourg - Monday 24 June, 2002 - Gemplus International SA (Paris Euronext: Euroclear 5768 and Nasdaq: GEMP) today announces that Dominique Vignon is appointed as Chairman of the Board with immediate effect. Dominique succeeds Hasso von Falkenhausen who, as planned, now retires as Chairman and continues to serve as a non-executive Director.

Also as planned, Dr. Gilles Lisimaque has resigned from the Board upon the appointment of the new Chairman.

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Notes to Editors:

1. Dominique Vignon

Aged 54, Dominique is a graduate of France's Ecole Polytechnique, and of the leading French Civil Engineering School, the Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussees. He started his career as a civil engineer in the central administration of the French Ministry for Equipment before joining Electricite de France in 1980. He joined the Framatome Group in 1990 and was appointed General Manager of Nuclear Power International (NPI), the joint venture of Framatome and Siemens for the development of the European pressurised water reactor (EPR). In 1993, he became Chairman of the newly acquired Jeumont Industries, and from 1995 he was also appointed President of Framatome's nuclear business. In 1996, he became Chairman and CEO of the Framatome Group, a position he held until the end of 2001.

2. About Gemplus

GEMPLUS: the world's number one provider of solutions empowered by Smart Cards

Gemplus helps its clients offer an exceptional range of portable, personalized solutions that bring security and convenience to people's lives. These include mobile Internet access, inter-operable banking facilities, e-commerce, and a wealth of other applications.

Gemplus is the only completely dedicated, truly global player in the Smart Card industry, with the largest R&D team, unrivalled experience, and an outstanding track record of technological innovation.

Gemplus trades its shares on Euronext Paris S.A. First Market and on the Nasdaq Stock Market as GEMP in the form of ADSs. Its revenue in 2001 was 1.023 Billion Euros. It operates in 37 countries throughout the world.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 24, 2002

GEMPLUS INTERNATIONAL S.A.

By: /s/ Stephen Juge

Name: Stephen Juge

Title: Executive Vice President and General Counsel