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June 24, 2002

FORM 6-K

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.)

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(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

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 Chaussées. 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  
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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.

Gemplus: Beyond Smart  
[www.gemplus.com](http://www.gemplus.com)

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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

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Name: Stephen Juge

Title: Executive Vice President and General Counsel