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Message from President Sicilianos

Superior Courts Network (SCN)

Dialogue with the national courts is truly part of our Court's DNA. In this regard, the Superior Courts Network is a perfect illustration of such dialogue, bringing together a community which is united by the desire to apply the principle of subsidiarity effectively and shares the common aim of ensuring that the decisions reached at domestic level are compatible with European case-law.

If the Network now includes so many of the highest national courts, this is because it is, above all, a unique tool for practical cooperation and for exchanging information in matters concerning the Convention.

Like my predecessors, I express my full support for the Superior Courts Network and for strengthening these ties, without losing sight of each participant court's independence.

I take this opportunity to pay tribute to the superior courts which have already joined the Network and thank them for their essential contribution to its success, and look forward to welcoming those superior courts which have not yet joined our number.