What they said about the Court
Ce qu’ils ont dit sur la Cour

Winston Churchill
Prime Minister of Great Britain (1943)

“...we must try to make the Council of Europe, or whatever it may be called, into a really effective agency with all the power of the strongest forms, canvassed, won and tested in a high court to adjudicate disputes.”

Mary Robinson
President of Ireland (1994)

“As a lawyer who has had the privilege of appearing before the Commission and Court of Human Rights, I can testify to the importance of their judgments in the national and international legal community...”

Béatrice, Queen of the Netherlands (2002)

“...the work of the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights, carried by the Court, is invaluable. For this is where the individual citizen can turn directly to an independent European political body. Accordingly, the Court’s judgments have great normative value.”


“Everyone has a right to have his or her day in the European Court of Human Rights... It is a system that is unique in the world.”


“...the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights have led to fundamental changes in our legislation...”

Tarja Halonen
President of Finland (2012)

“...as the Court has reversed the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights in some cases, the Court of Human Rights in some cases...”

Felipe VI, King of Spain (2017)

“The Court’s decisions strengthen the rule of law in all areas.”

Emmanuel Macron
President of the French Republic (2017)

“The European Court of Human Rights is a unique institution that must remain in Europe...”

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