



ANNUAL PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE COURT

The European Court of Human Rights will be holding its **annual press conference at 9 a.m. (local time) on Thursday 27 January 2011** in the seminar room in the Human Rights building in Strasbourg.

Jean-Paul Costa, the President of the Court, will present a summary of the Court's activities and its statistics for 2010 and give an overview of the reforms that have been implemented since the Interlaken conference in 2010. Together with Erik Fribergh, the Court's Registrar, President Costa will then answer questions from the press.

An advance presentation of the large-format book "*The Conscience of Europe: 50 years of the European Court of Human Rights*" will take place on this occasion, before its official launching at the opening of the Court's judicial year on 28 January 2011. This prestigious edition is being issued to mark the Court's 50th anniversary in 2009 and the European Convention on Human Rights' 60th in 2010.

A video recording of the press conference will be made available on the Court's website in the course of the afternoon.

Journalists will be provided with Press packs under embargo and coffee from 8.30 onwards.

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