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#### Press release issued by the Registrar

#### Court President welcomes cooperation with French *Conseil d'Etat*

and

On 28 September 2007 a delegation from the French *Conseil d'Etat* led by Mr Jean-Marc Sauvé, Vice-President of the *Conseil d'Etat*, and including among others Mr Bernard Stirn, President of the Judicial Division, Mr Jean-Marie Delarue, Deputy President of the Judicial Division, and Mr Christophe Devys, member of the *Conseil d'Etat*, met Mr Jean-Paul Costa, President of the European Court of Human Rights, and several judges and members of the Court's Registry. Members of the *Conseil d'Etat* and judges of the Court discussed and compared notes on four case-law-related subjects.

At the close of the meeting Mr Costa welcomed Mr Sauvé's remarks describing the visit as an unprecedented event which reflected the great interest taken by the *Conseil d'Etat* in the human rights protection system of the European Convention on Human Rights. Mr Sauvé said that the *Conseil d'Etat* drew heavily on the Court's case-law whose influence was both qualitative and quantitative, as almost 40 % of the judgments of the *Conseil d'Etat* applied the law enshrined in the Convention.

The President of the Court and the Vice-President of the *Conseil d'Etat* expressed the hope that this meeting would be a first step towards increased cooperation between the Court and the *Conseil d'Etat*. The Vice-President of the *Conseil d'Etat* has now sent a letter to the President of the Court opening up avenues for exchanges between the two institutions, and he has invited the Court to return the *Conseil d'Etat*'s visit, towards the end of 2008.

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Further information about the Court can be found on its Internet site (<http://www.echr.coe.int>).

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