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Council of Europe publishes Magna Carta of judges (Fundamental principles)

Strasbourg, 18.11.2010 – The Consultative Council of European Judges ([CCJE](#)) of the Council of Europe today adopted the [Magna Carta of Judges](#) (Fundamental principles), summarising and codifying the main conclusions of the Opinions already adopted.

This Magna Carta of judges highlights all the fundamental principles relating to judges and judicial systems. It reiterates inter alia the fundamental criteria of the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary, access to justice, and the principles of ethics and responsibility in a national and international context.

The representatives of member states within the CCJE will ensure that it is disseminated and applied in their countries.

The Magna Carta of judges is being officially published at the occasion of the CCJE's 10th anniversary.

The Secretariat of the Council of Europe draws attention to the fact that, in November 2009, the CCJE was awarded the "Justice in the World" Prize by the Justice in the World Foundation (under the auspices of the International Association of Judges) for the excellent quality of its work and the commitment of its members.

Le Conseil de l'Europe publie une Magna Carta des juges (Principes fondamentaux)

Strasbourg, 18.11.2010 – Le Conseil Consultatif des Juges Européens ([CCJE](#)) du Conseil de l'Europe a adopté aujourd'hui une [Magna Carta des juges](#) (Principes fondamentaux) synthétisant et codifiant les principales conclusions des Avis déjà adoptés.

La Magna Carta des juges met en exergue et rassemble les principes fondamentaux concernant les juges et le système judiciaire. Elle rappelle notamment les critères essentiels de l'Etat de droit, l'indépendance des juges, l'accès à la justice, les principes d'éthique et de responsabilité dans un contexte national et international.

Les représentants des Etats membres au sein du CCJE se chargeront de sa diffusion et de son application au niveau national.

La publication officielle de la Magna Carta aura lieu à l'occasion de la célébration du 10ème anniversaire du CCJE.

Le Secrétariat du Conseil de l'Europe tient à rappeler la remise au CCJE, en novembre 2009, du Prix Mondial pour la Justice par la Fondation *Justice dans le Monde* (sous les auspices de l'Union internationale des magistrats) pour l'excellente qualité de ses travaux et l'engagement de ses membres.

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