Dialogue between the European Court of Human Rights and the national judicial systems is fundamental to the Convention system.

The Superior Courts Network brings together a community of judges who have a central role to play, implementing the principles and values of the European Convention, which we have been sharing and defending for 70 years.

The fact that the Network now covers such a large number of national superior courts highlights its status as a unique tool facilitating the practical transmission of knowledge and know-how in the sphere of the Convention.

I am firmly convinced of the absolute necessity of this tool for the future of the Convention system. I fully back strengthening the bonds between the Strasbourg Court and the national superior courts. I would pay tribute to the courts in the Network for their valuable contribution, and am looking forward to welcoming further superior courts which have not yet joined us.