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Requiring judges at the European Court of Human Rights to publish a declaration of interests

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In its recommendation CM/Rec(2010)12 entitled “Judges: independence, efficiency and responsibilities”, the Committee of Ministers stated that “Having regard to the necessity of avoiding actual or perceived conflicts of interest, member states may consider making information about additional activities publicly available, for instance in the form of registers of interests” (paragraph 29).

To this end, members of the Court of Justice of the European Union and many supreme courts, notably in France and the United States, are required to publish such a declaration of interests, as are parliamentarians and members of the Parliamentary Assembly. That is not yet the case for judges at the European Court of Human Rights, however.

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To ask the Committee of Ministers:

Is the Committee of Ministers planning to take measures to require judges at the European Court of Human Rights to publish a declaration of interests?

