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70th anniversary of the Council of Europe: Declaration by the Committee of Ministers

129th Session of the Committee of Ministers (Helsinki, 16-17 May 2019)

Meeting for their annual session, over 30 foreign ministers from the 47 member states of the Council of Europe, including Monaco, adopted a Declaration on 17/05/2019, reaffirming the rights and duties of Member States and defining priority areas for future action.

- Development of the common legal and democratic space, comprising over 220 pan-European legal instruments for the defense of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.
- Strength of the periodic and thorough assessment of all Member States ; valuable contribution of the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities in upholding the common legal standards.
- Requirement of European unity; protection, promotion and reform of the European human rights heritage.
- Overriding priority of compliance with the standards and commitments undertaken; securing the independent functioning of the judiciary.
- Strong action to reverse the recent deterioration of freedom of expression in Europe; meaningful and transparent dialogue with civil society (key role).
- Importance of equality and anti-discrimination policies.
- Political solutions in conformity with the norms and principles of international law for unresolved conflicts that affect certain parts of the continent.

More information:

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[Monaco at the 129th Session of the Committee of Ministers in Helsinki](#)

[Website dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe](#)