



COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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Prof. Róbert Ragnar Spanó
President of the European Court of
Human Rights

Strasbourg

Your Excellency,

I would like to offer you my most sincere congratulations upon assumption of your new responsibilities as President of the European Court of Human Rights.

I strongly believe that your outstanding professional qualifications and long term work as judge shall guarantee successful fulfilment of your duties as President of the European Court of Human Rights. I am truly convinced that your impressive experience as the scholar of the University of Iceland and Parliamentary Ombudsman shall constitute additional advantages in facing challenges in your new responsibilities.

We have seen recently in Europe endangered by pandemic how important is extraordinary commitment of the leaders and activists of international institutions in defending fundamental human rights standards and respecting the rule of law.

Let me admit with satisfaction that the Office of Polish Commissioner for Human Rights has been involved in proceedings before the European Court of Human Rights regarding the rule of law by submitting third party interventions in precedent cases for the independence of Polish judiciary.

I wholeheartedly wish you every success in serving this important mission.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Bodnar