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ANNUAL PRESS CONFERENCE

The European Court of Human Rights' annual press conference will take place on Thursday **25 January 2007 at 2 p.m.** (local time) in the meeting room of the Directorate of Human Rights in the Human Rights Building, Strasbourg.

At the press conference, Jean-Paul Costa (French), who will assume his duties as President of the Court on 19 January 2007, will review the events of the past year and speak to the press. The outgoing President, Luzius Wildhaber (Swiss), who has held office since the reform of the Court in 1998, will also be present.

Further information about the Court can be found on its Internet site (<http://www.echr.coe.int>).

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