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PÉREZ DE LOS COBOS AND LESMES SIGN THE FIRST COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TC AND THE CGPJ

Today, the President of the Spanish Constitutional Court (TC), Francisco Pérez de los Cobos, and the President of the General Council of the Judiciary (CGPJ), Carlos Lesmes, have signed the first cooperation agreement between both institutions. The signature act was held at the head office of the Spanish Constitutional Court, where the first conference-seminar Spanish Constitutional Court – Spanish Supreme Court on “European jurisdictions and higher jurisdictions in Member States”, was also held.

The purpose of the agreement is to “*establish a cooperation framework in documentary and case-law matters*” between the TC and the Supreme Court by “*making available bibliographic resources and exchanging resolutions*”, in order to “*make the judges’ judicial work easier*”. In this regard, the parties have agreed to allow judges from either institution to access their libraries; to supply, for internal use, the resolutions uploaded by both institutions on their webpages; and to mutually assist each other in providing technological advice on the documentary treatment of case-law.

The I Conference-Seminar has been attended by prominent legal scholars, from the TC and the Supreme Court, and also from the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) based in Strasbourg, and from the European Court of Justice (ECJ), based in Luxembourg. During the work sessions both the enforcement of ECHR decisions, and the relationship between prejudiciality and unconstitutionality issues, were analysed.

The speakers were: the Advocate-General of the Court of Justice of the European Union and President Emeritus of the TC, Pedro Cruz Villalón; the Judge of the ECHR and Vice-President Emeritus of the TC, Luis López Guerra, the Judge from the Supreme Court and former Attorney General, Cándido Conde-Pumpido, the Judge from the Supreme Court and Judge Emeritus of the TC, Jorge Rodríguez-Zapata; and two Judges from the TC Encarnación Roca and Antonio Narváez.

Both the cooperation agreement and the Conference-Seminar, are a result of the meeting held last February between the Plenary Meeting of the TC and the Governing Chamber of the Supreme Court, at the latter’s head office. During the meeting it was agreed to create a joint committee to work on strengthening the cooperation and communication between both Courts.

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