**Copenhagen Declaration on ECHR reform adopted**

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Danish Minister of Justice Søren Pape Poulsen announces that Denmark has negotiated a milestone agreement on further reforms of the ECHR system in Copenhagen.

The Copenhagen Declaration has now been formally adopted by all 47 Member States of the Council of Europe following a High-Level Conference in Copenhagen attended by more than 20 ministers.

**Mr. Pape Poulsen said:**

*The Copenhagen Conference has been an important opportunity for us to reaffirm our commitment to the European Convention on Human Rights. We have also reaffirmed the importance of continuing the successful reform of the Convention system. Building on the important results achieved, and meeting new challenges as they arise.*

*We have in Copenhagen agreed on a vision of a more effective, focused and balanced Convention system. A system, where Member States take on a larger role and responsibility at national level, and where the Strasbourg Court can focus its efforts on identifying serious systemic and structural problems, and important questions of interpretation and application of the Convention. We have also underlined the need for an increased dialogue, at both judicial and political levels. On our respective roles. And on development of the Convention system. This will anchor the development of human rights more solidly in our European democracies.*

*I am very happy and proud of the result achieved. The Copenhagen Declaration contains a range of measures which will help secure the future of the Court and the Convention. We must now proceed to implement these measures rapidly and effectively.*

Read the full text of the [Copenhagen Declaration](http://rm.coe.int/copenhagen-declaration/16807b915c) or [Déclaration de Copenhague](http://rm.coe.int/declaration-de-copenhague/16807b915b).