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Spell check – The contributions should be written in British English. Hence, it is advisable to use the British spell-check as part of the WORD- software.

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1. Contents

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As long as the decisions of the ECJ and the ECtHR are concerned the reviewer should not only describe the relevant context and the new developments, that the decisions under review bring on the scene, but also try to describe the significance of the European jurisdiction for the national legal orders.

2. Format

Decision and case note should be preceded by a title indicating the subject matter of the decision. The title should be followed by a head-note in the original language. The text of the decision will then be printed in its entirety. However, in the case of longer decisions only extracts will be provided. It is the task of the reviewer to select those extracts which are relevant for a proper understanding of both decision and annotation. The text of the decision should be followed by the annotation; the latter should contain subtitles only if it is a longer one.

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