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European Court of Human Rights elects new Section President

The European Court of Human Rights elected a new Section President – **Vincent A. De Gaetano** (Malta) – on Monday 18 June 2018. He has been elected for a two-year term and will take up his duties on 1 September 2018.

The Court is composed of one judge in respect of each of the 47 States to have ratified the European Convention on Human Rights. Judges work in five Sections from which Chambers of seven judges are constituted. The Court also sits as a Grand Chamber of 17 judges. The Court has two Vice-Presidents both of whom also preside over Sections, the other three Sections each having a Section President.

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