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Every European constitutional court deals with issues at the intersection of law and politics. There should be no limitation on the performance of their functions by reason of the political dimension of a constitutional dispute.

The supreme democratic function of the constitutional courts is to impose the obligations under the Constitution on the legislators and other authorities and to review their compliance.

The role of the constitutional courts during states of emergency is to ensure that authorities act within constitutional boundaries and carefully weigh human rights concerns. Despite the challenges, our courts must remain committed to this crucial task.

In an integrated system of fundamental rights protection, our courts must also remain committed to European standards and avoid conflicts with supranational courts. The dialogue between them is necessary for the creation of a common legal space of fundamental rights protection.

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