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Human Rights of Police Officers to come under scrutiny of Strasbourg Court EuroCOP member ErNE drags Spain to court over collective rights of police officers

Today the police union in the Basque Country, ErNE, has officially launched proceedings against Spain in front of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. 'The prohibition of the right to strike without providing any compensatory mechanisms to settle collective conflicts in the security services in Spain, including the autonomous police in the Basque country is in breach of articles 6, 14 and 11 of the European Charter of Human Rights', states ErNE representative Manuel Lopez. Lopez who is also member of the EuroCOP Executive Committee.

'Our colleagues from ErNE have our full support for this action,' says EuroCOP Vice President Jan Schonkeren. We will monitor the proceedings in Strasbourg closely since the case will have repercussions on the collective rights of police officers throughout Europe.

For further information on the case please consider the attached document from ErNE (Spanish only)

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