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ROYAUME DE NORVÈGE KINGDOM OF NORWAY KÖNIGREICH NORWEGEN КОРОЛЕВСТВОНОРВЕГИЯ

The Supreme Court of Norway

(Norges Høyesterett)

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Norway has no separate constitutional court. The general courts, with the Supreme Court as the highest judicial tribunal, has full jurisdiction and thusdeal with all kinds of cases, including constitutional questions. The constitutional principles are placed at the top of the hierarchy of legal norms in Norway, and will prevail in case of a conflict with provisions of basic law.

TheSupreme Court has played and still plays an influential role in defining and developing the constitutional principles. It was the Supreme Court that established, confirmed and developed the principle of judicial review – i.e. the Courts' competence to determine whether statutory provisions and other decisions made by the authorities conflict with the Constitution. The Supreme Court has also contributed significantly to the development of the constitutional protection of human rights.