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Collected here are the contributions to the I Colloquium of Constitutional Justice of the Principality of Andorra organized by the Constitutional Court in Escaldes-Engordany (the seventh parish of Andorra) on 17 October 2005 which had as its subject “The implementation of the decisions of constitutional courts”. The discussions brought together members of these tribunals and academics from both Western and Eastern Europe as well as others from Chile and Morocco. The Common Law system was represented side by side with legal systems in the Roman and Germanic tradition.

It was impossible not to be struck by the diversity of situations explained. Each tribunal has its own characteristics due to its recruiting methods, its working and its attributions. Thus the problem of implementing decisions is common to all the courts but has a different intensity for each one. Very often without the means to pressure for their sentences to be respected, the courts are to a great extent subject to the good will of the powers that be. Nevertheless, even when a decision condemns or impedes the projects or intentions of these selfsame powers, the latter generally speaking graciously accede to it, a proof if such were needed of the position which this institution has succeeded in winning for itself in the juridical and political system.

In the following pages are to be found the variety of cases found and solutions adopted. As if to give credence to the famous French writer, Jean Giraudoux, when he wrote that “law is the training ground for the imagination”.
