



CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONTROL
ORGANS OF THE COUNTRIES OF YOUNG DEMOCRACY
(CCCOCYD)**

AND

**THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION
FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
(VENICE COMMISSION)**

The Conference of the Constitutional Control Organs of the Counties of Young Democracy (CCCOCYD) (hereinafter "the Conference") and the European Commission for Democracy through Law of the Council of Europe - Venice Commission (hereinafter "the Commission") being the parties to this Agreement (hereinafter "the Parties");

Whereas the Parties, in their activities, bring together constitutional courts and equivalent institutions (hereinafter "the Participants");

Having regard to their common interest in developing constitutional justice;

Aware that a number of the Participants are involved in the work of both the Joint Council on Constitutional Justice of the Commission and the Conference;

Agree as follows:

Article 1

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the exchange of information between the Participants.

Article 2

The Commission undertakes to provide to the courts member of the Conference its publications in the field of constitutional justice free of charge, in particular the *Bulletin on Constitutional Case-Law* and the database CODICES. The Conference shall send its publications (in particular the *Bulletin Constitutional Justice* and the *Almanac - Constitutional Justice in the New Millenium*) free of charge to the members of the Venice Commission and the courts represented in the Joint Council on Constitutional Justice of the Venice Commission, if they so wish.

Article 3

The Commission undertakes to invite a representative of the Conference to meetings of the Joint Council as an observer. The Conference undertakes to invite a representative of the Commission to its meetings as an observer.

Article 4

The Parties will - within their budgetary limits – attempt to co-organise annual seminars on constitutional justice.

Article 5

This Agreement is entered into for an unspecified period and shall lose its force if one of the Parties ceases to exist. It shall come into force after it has been approved by the competent bodies of the two Parties and signed by the representatives of the Conference and the Commission. This Agreement can be terminated by either of the Parties by giving notice in writing.

The Agreement shall be established in two copies, in English and Russian.

Done in Yerevan, 04 October 2003

For the Conference of the Constitutional
Control Organs of the Countries of Young
Democracy (CCCOCYD)

For the Venice Commission