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CONFERENCE

**“FUNDAMENTAL CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES AS A
STABILITY FACTOR OF THE DEMOCRATIC REGIME”**

Chisinau, Moldova, 22-23 July 2009

SYNOPSIS

The Venice Commission organised a Conference on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the Constitution of Moldova on "Fundamental constitutional values as a stability factor of the democratic regime" in Chisinau, Moldova on 22-23 July 2009.

The official ceremony to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Constitution of Moldova was attended by around 200 people. The Conference was organised in co-operation with the Venice Commission, the German Foundation for International Legal Co-operation (IRZ), UNDP Moldova, the OSCE Mission in Moldova, ABA/ROLI Moldova and the co-ordinating Office of TIKa programmes.

The following participated in the Conference (around 50 participants in all): presidents of constitutional courts of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, judges of the constitutional courts of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Tajikistan, Turkey and Ukraine.

The Conference covered such topics as the constitution as a stabilising factor in the socio-economic process, pointing to the case-law of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation for examples. The Conference also addressed the universality of constitutional law and its impact on the protection of human rights, notably the protection of constitutional rights and freedoms through the possibility of using individual appeals to constitutional courts. It also dealt with the evolution of constitutional justice, notably through the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights.