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**CONFERENCE**

**“REMEDIES FOR UNDULY LENGTHY PROCEEDINGS:  
A NEW APPROACH TO THE OBLIGATIONS  
OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEMBER STATES”**

**Bucharest, Hotel Grand Plaza**

**3 April 2006 (10h00 – 17h00)**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

10h00 – 10h305	Introduction
10h00 – 10h10	Welcome speech by Mr Mihai-Răzvan Ungureanu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
10h10 – 10h20	Introductory intervention by H.E. Monica Macovei, Minister of Justice
10h20 – 10h30	Welcome speech by Mr Gianni Buquicchio, Secretary of the Venice Commission
10h30 – 10h45	Keynote speech by Mrs Finola Flanagan, Vice-President of the Venice Commission
10h45 – 11h00	Coffee break

***Length of proceedings as a key human rights issue: assessment and perspectives***

11h00 – 11h15	Intervention by Mrs Françoise Tulkens, Judge, European Court of Human Rights: <i>The case-law of the European Court of Human Rights on the subject of the excessive length of proceedings.</i>
11h15 – 11h30	Intervention by Mr Mikhail Lobov, Administrator, Human Rights Directorate, Department for the Execution of Judgements of the European Court of Human Rights: <i>The Committee of Ministers' approach and response to the issue of excessive length of proceedings.</i>
11h30 – 12h00	Debate
12h00– 12h10	Intervention by Mr Eberhard Desch, President of the CEPEJ (European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice): <i>The activities of the CEPEJ in the field of length of judicial proceedings.</i>
12h10– 12h20	Intervention by Mr Alan Uzelac, Chair of the CEPEJ Task Force on Timeframes of Proceedings: <i>The task force's proposals regarding length of proceedings.</i>
12h30 – 13h00	Debate
13h00 -14h30	Lunch break

***The problem of the length of proceedings in Romania; answers in legislation and practice***

14h30– 14h40 Intervention by Mr Iulian Gâlcă, President of the Superior Council of the Magistracy:  
*The challenges concerning the length of proceedings in the Romanian judicial system (provisional title).*

14h40 – 14h50 Intervention by Mrs. Violeta Belegante, representative of the Ministry of Justice of Romania: *New legislative solutions for the reduction of the length of judicial proceedings - the drawing up of the new Code of civil procedure.*

14h50 – 15h15 Debate

***Venice Commission's proposals***

15h15-15h25 Intervention by Mr Franz Matscher, Rapporteur of the Venice Commission on the subject of remedies for the excessive length of proceedings:  
*The Venice Commission approach to remedies for the excessive length of proceedings.*

15h25 – 15h35 Intervention by Mr Bogdan Aurescu, Rapporteur of the Venice Commission:  
*Identifying guidelines for shaping effective national remedies in respect of excessive length of proceedings.*

15h35 – 16h00 Debate

16h00– 16h30 Coffee Break

16h30 – 16h45 Conclusions by Mr Giorgio Malinverni, Rapporteur of the Venice Commission.

16h45- 17h00 Concluding remarks by Mrs. Beatrice Ramaşcanu, Agent of the Romanian Government before the ECHR.