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THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF ARMENIA

IXth YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**ENSURING THE PRINCIPLE
OF THE RULE OF LAW IN THE PRACTICE
OF CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE**

Yerevan, 15-16 October 2004

PROGRAMME

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13-15 October

Arrival of participants and their accommodation at the hotel.

Thursday, 14 October

18.00 Meeting in the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

Friday, 15 October

09.30 - 10.00 **Opening of the IX Yerevan International Conference – Picasso Hall, Hotel “Congress”**

Opening speeches:

Mr Gagik HARUTYUNYAN, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia, Member of the Venice Commission

Mr. Arthur BAGHDASSARYAN, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

Mr. Andras BAKA, judge of the European Court of Human Rights

Mr. Gianni BUQUICCHIO, Secretary of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

10.30 - 11.30 **First Session**
Chair - Mr Gianni BUQUICCHIO, Secretary of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

The principle of the rule of law as the guarantee of constitutional democracy

Mr. Gagik Harutyunyan, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia, Member of the Venice Commission

The principle of the rule of law in the practice of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation

Mr. Valery Zorkin, President of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation
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Human rights and judiciary: European dimensions

Mr. Andras Baka, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

Discussion

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

- 11.00 - 12.00 **Second Session**
Chair – Mr Valery ZORKIN, President, Constitutional Court, the Russian Federation
- Evolution and the project of the Constitution of the European Union*
Mr. Pierre Joxe, Member of the Constitutional Council of France
- The rule of law state in the practice of the Constitutional Court of Andorra*
Mr. Francois Luchaire, Former President of the Constitutional Court of Andorra, Member of the Venice Commission
(CDL-JU(2004)049)
- The rule of law state in the practice of the Constitutional Court of Portugal*
Mr. Jose de Sousa e Brito, former judge of the Constitutional Court of Portugal, Professor of New University of Lisbon
(CDL-JU(2004)067)
- Discussion
- 12.00 - 12.30 Coffee break
- 12.30 - 13.30 **Third Session**
Chair – Mrs Eliška WAGNEROVÁ, Deputy Chief Justice, Constitutional Court, Czech Republic, Member of the Venice Commission
- The implementation of the principle of the rule of law in the activity of Constitutional Court of the Ukraine*
Mr. Nikolai Selivon, President of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine
- Judges versus legislators: the Greek solution*
Ms. Evangelina Nika-Manoukian, Judge of the Supreme Court of Greece
- The principle of the rule of law in the case-law of the European Court*
Ms. Alvina Gyulumyan, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights
- Discussion
- 13.30 - 15.00 Lunch break
- 15.00 - 16.30 **Fourth Session**
Chair – Mr. Nikolai SELIVON, President of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine
- Constitutional parameters of the principle of the rule of law*
Ms. Alina Yanuchenko, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Moldova

Rule of law state in the doctrine of the Constitutional Court of Slovak Republic

Mr. Lubomir Dobrik, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Slovakia

The ensuring of the direct acting of the constitutional norms in the realization of constitutional justice

Ms. Khursheda Kamilova, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Tajikistan

Necessary institutional-constitutional and legislative guarantees for ensuring the principle of the rule of law in Romania

Mr. Gabor Kozsokar, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Romania

Discussion

18.00 - 19.00 Official Meetings

19.30 Official reception on behalf of the Constitutional Court of the RA in honour of the participants of the IXth Yerevan International Conference

Saturday, 16 October

08.00-09.00 Breakfast

09.00 - 10.30 **Fifth Session**

Chair - Ms. Liljana INGILIZOVA-RISTOVA, President of the Constitutional Court of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”

The rule of law state in the practice of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic

Ms. Eliška Wagnerová, Deputy Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Czech Republic, Member of the Venice Commission
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Parliament and the formation of legal democracy

Ms. Hranush Hakobyan, Chair of the Standing Committee of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

The principle of supremacy of law in the practice of the Bulgarian Constitutional Court

Mr. Lasar Gruev, Professor, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Bulgaria

Principles of the democratic state governed by the rule of law in the jurisprudential practice of the Polish Constitutional Tribunal

Mr. Jerzy Stepien, Judge of the Constitutional Tribunal of Poland

Discussion

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 - 12.30

Sixth Session**Chair - Mr. Gagik HARUTYUNYAN, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia, Member of the Venice Commission***The principle of the rule of law in the practice of the Constitutional Court of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”*

Ms. Liljana Ingilizova-Ristova, President of the Constitutional Court of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”

*The principle of supremacy of the Constitution in the doctrine of the Constitutional Court of Lithuania*Mr. Armanas Abramavičius, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Lithuania
Discussion**Summary of the discussions**Mr Valery Zorkin, President of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation
(CDL-JU(2004)071)**Closing of the conference**

- Mr Gagik Harutyunyan, President, Constitutional Court, Republic of Armenia, Member of the Venice Commission
- Mr Gianni Buquicchio, Secretary of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe