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**EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW**

**(VENICE COMMISSION)**

**in co-operation with the  
CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF SLOVENIA**

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**"THE POSITION OF CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS  
FOLLOWING INTEGRATION INTO THE  
EUROPEAN UNION"**

**Grand Hotel Toplice, Bled  
30 September - 2 October 2004**

**PROGRAMME**

10.00 Opening of the International Conference of Constitutional Courts, welcome address by the President of the Constitutional Court of Slovenia **Ms Dragica Wedam Lukić**

Introductory Speeches by

10.10 **Ms Cerar**, Minister of Justice of Slovenia

10.20 His Excellency the Head of Delegation of the European Commission to Slovenia **Mr Erwan Fouéré**

10.30 President of the International Conference of European Constitutional Courts **Mr Christos Artemides**, President of the Supreme Court of Cyprus

10.40 **Mr Gianni Buquicchio**, Secretary of the Venice Commission  
**Mr Didier Maus**, Judge of the Constitutional Tribunal of Andorra, on behalf of the Venice Commission

11.10 Coffee break

11.30 President of the European Court of Human Rights **Mr Luzius Wildhaber**

12.00 President of the Court of the European Communities **Mr Vassilios Skouris**

12.30 European Ombudsman **Mr Nikiforos P. Diamandouros**

13.00 Luncheon

14.30 End luncheon

**Presentation of Constitutional Amendments Related to Integration into the European Union, the Role of the Constitutional Courts Following Integration into the European Union, and the Assessment of Their Readiness for New Challenges**

14.45 **Mr Heinz Schäffer**, Substitute Judge of the Constitutional Court of Austria

15.15 **Mr Valerio Onida**, President of the Constitutional Court of Italy

15.45 **Mr Winfried Hassemer**, Vice-President of the German Federal Constitutional Court

16.15 Coffee break

16.45 Discussion

17.45 End official part

Friday, 1 October 2004

**Presentation of Constitutional Amendments related to Integration into the European Union, the Role of the Constitutional Courts following Integration into the European Union, and the Assessment of their Readiness for New Challenges**

9.00-10.30

Presentation of papers:

**Ms Mirjam Škrk**, Judge and **Mr Ciril Ribičič**, Judge Constitutional Court of Slovenia

**Mr Christos Artemides**, President, Constitutional Court of Cyprus

**Mr Jiří Mucha**, Judge, Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic

**Mr Eerik Kergandberg**, Judge, Supreme Court of Estonia

**Mr Egidijus Kūris**, President, Constitutional Court of Lithuania

10.30 Coffee break

11.00-12.00

**Mr Aivars Endziņš**, President, Constitutional Court of Latvia

**Mr Attila Harmathy**, Judge, Constitutional Court of Hungary

**Mr Marian Grzybowski**, Judge, Polish Constitutional Tribunal

**Mr Jan Mazak**, Judge, Constitutional Court of Slovakia

12.00 End presentation of papers, Discussion

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Discussion

16.15 Coffee break

Closing of the Conference

16.45 Address by **Ms Dragica Wedam Lukić**, President of the Constitutional Court of Slovenia

17.00 Official closing of the International Conference of Constitutional Courts