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# EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW (VENICE COMMISSION)

in co-operation with THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

THE LIMITS OF
CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW
OF ORDINARY COURT'S DECISIONS IN
CONSTITUTIONAL COMPLAINT
PROCEEDINGS

Brno, Czech Republic, 14-15 November 2005

**PROGRAMME** 

## Monday, 14 November 2005

09h00 – 09h20 **Official welcome** of guests

Mr. Pavel Rychetský, President of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic

Mrs. Eliška Wagnerová –Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic

Ms. Caroline Martin – Administrator, Venice Commission

09h30 – 11h00 **Opening of the Conference** 

Mr. Pavel Rychetský, President of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic, member of the Venice Commission.

10h30 – 11h30 **First Session** 

Review of Decisions of Ordinary Courts in Constitutional Complaint Proceedings before the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic Mr. Ján Mazák, President of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic (Grasping the Nettle), (CDL-JU(2005)059).

11h00 – 11h15 **Coffee break** 

10h30 – 11h30 **Second Session** 

The Limits of Review of Decisions of Ordinary Courts in Constitutional Complaint Proceedings before the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Slovenia

Mrs. Dragica Wedam Lukič, Justice of the Constitutional Court of Slovenia (CDL-JU(2005)060).

The Perspectives of Introducing the Constitutional Complaint in the Republic of Lithuania.

Mrs. Toma Birmontiene, Justice of the Constitutional Court of Lituania

12h30 – 14h00 **Lunch break** 

**14h30 – 15h30 Third Session** 

On the Basis and Framework for the Review of Decisions of Courts of General Jurisdiction by the Constitutional Courts in a Constitutional Complaint procedure.

Mr. Jan Svatoň, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Masaryk University, Brno

The Constitutional Dimension of the Law-Making of Constitutional Court.

Mr.Karel Klíma, Head of the Constitutional Law Department, University of West Bohemia, Plzeň

15h30 – 16h00 **Coffee break** 

16h00 – 16h30 **Discussion** 

19h00 **Dinner** 

## Tuesday, 15. November 2005

#### 09h30 – 11h30 **Fourth Session**

Constitutional review of decisions of non constitutional courts by the German Federal Constitutional Court (Part 1)

Mr. Kai Lohse, Public Prosecutor, research assistant to Vice-President Hassemer, Constitutional Court of Germany (CDL-JU(2005)061).

Constitutional review of decisions of nonconstitutional courts by the German Federal Constitutional Court (Part 2)

Mrs. Christina Rüth, Justice, Research assistant to President Papier, Constitutional Court of Germany (CDL-JU(2005)061).

Limits of fact, law and remedies: myths and realities of constitutional review of judicial decisions

Mr. Ignacio Borrajo Iniesta, Head of the Constitutional research division, Constitutional Court of Spain

#### 11h30 – 12h00 **Coffee break**

12h00 - 13h00

Limits of Constitutional Review of the Decisions of Courts of General Jurisdiction in a Constitutional Complaint.

Mr. Vojtech Simicek, Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic

Some Aspects of the Limits of the Constitutional Review of the Ordinary Court's Decisions in the CR.

Mrs. Iva Brozova, Supreme Court of the Czech Republic

## **Discussion**

### **Conclusion of the conference**

Mr. Pavel Rychetský, President of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic