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**EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW**  
**(VENICE COMMISSION)**

**in co-operation with**  
**THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF GEORGIA**

**Conference on**

**“The protection of electoral rights  
and the right to political association  
by the Constitutional Court”**

**Tbilisi, Georgia  
10–11 February 2006**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**7-10 February 2006**

*Arrival of the international experts in Tbilisi*

Accommodation at the hotel "Villa Mtiebi"  
10, Chakhrukhadze street, tel. +995 32 920340/41/42

**10 February, Friday**

*(Hotel "Marriott")*

- 10.50 – 11.10** Registration of the participants
- 11:10 – 11:30** Opening remarks:
- Mr Johny KHETSURIANI , Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Georgia
  - Mr Gianni BUQUICCHIO, Secretary of the Venice Commission, Council of Europe

**FIRST SESSION**

**Chair: Mr. John KHETSURIANI, President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia**

- 11.30 – 12.15** *Forms of Direct Democracy in Georgia;*  
Ms Ketevan EREMADZE, Head of Staff, Constitutional Court of Georgia
- 12.15 – 12.45** *Coffee break*
- 12.15 – 12.45** *Legal Guarantees of the Protection of Right to Vote*  
Ms Natia TSKEPLADZRE, Judge, Supreme Court of Georgia
- 13.30 – 14.00** *Discussion*
- 14.00 – 15.30** *Lunch*

**SECOND SESSION**

**Chair: Mr. Gianni BUQUICCHIO, Secretary of the Venice Commission of Council of Europe (to be confirmed)**

- 15.30 – 16.15** *Constitutional Review of Elections*  
Mr Bernard OWEN, Secretary General of the Centre for the Comparative Study of Elections, Paris  
Ms Ketevan KOBAKHIDZE, Head, of the Public Law Section, Constitutional Court of Georgia

- 16.15 – 16.30**            *Discussion*
- 16.30 – 17.00**            *Coffee Break*
- 17.00 – 17.45**            *Freedom of Political Association in Accordance with the Georgian Legislation and the European Convention of Human Rights;*  
Mr Giorgi KVERENCHKHILADZE, Assistant to the President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia
- 17.45 – 18.00**            *Discussion*

**Saturday 11 February 2006**

**Third session**

**Chair:** Mr Bernard OWEN, Secretary General of the Centre for the Comparative Study of Elections

- 11.00 – 11.45**            *Determination of Constitutionality of Formation and Activity of Political Parties – Co-presentation (based on Georgian and International experience)*  
Mr Mikheil SHARASHIDZE, Assistant to the President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia
- The Suppression of Political Parties*  
Mr James HAMILTON, Director of Public Prosecutions, Substitute member of the Venice Commission in respect of Ireland
- 11.45 – 12.00**            *Discussion*
- 12.00 – 12.30**            *Coffee Break*
- 12.30 – 12.40**            **Conclusions of the seminar**  
Mr Bernard OWEN, Secretary General of the Centre for the Comparative Study of Elections
- 12:40 – 13:00**            **Concluding remarks**  
Mr. John KHETSURIANI, President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia  
Ms Tatyana MYCHELOVA, External Relations Officer, Venice Commission, Council of Europe
- 13.00 – 14.30**            *Lunch*

**Sunday 12.02. - Monday 13.02 2006**

Departure of the experts