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(VENICE COMMISSION)

in co-operation with
**THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF ITALY**

FOURTH INTERCULTURAL WORKSHOP ON DEMOCRACY

**“TRANSPARENCY AND THE RULE OF LAW
AS PRE-CONDITIONS OF EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT”**

ROME, ITALY

**LA FARNESINA, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Sala delle Conferenze Internazionali**

Thursday 9 October 2014

(from 9.00 am to 6.30 pm)

PROGRAMME

9h00 to 9h30 – REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

9h30 - 10h10 - OPENING REMARKS

Ambassador Michele Valensise, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy

Sen. Benedetto Della Vedova, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy

Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission

10h10-10h30 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Ms Jacqueline Peschard Mariscal, Professor, National University of Mexico

10h30-10h50 Coffee break “Sala Mappamondi”

10h50-13h00 FIRST PANEL

TRANSPARENCY

Chair: Mr Jan Helgesen, First Vice-President of the Venice Commission, Professor, University of Oslo, Norway

Four discussants:

- **Transparency as a means of democratic accountability**

Mr Sergio Bartole, *Emeritus* Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Trieste, Italy, Substitute member of the Venice Commission.

- **The democratic response to the challenges of transparency**

Mr Rami Wriekat, Secretary General, Ministry of Political and Parliamentary Affairs of Jordan.

- **Accountability: transparency as a means to incorporate public scrutiny as an aspect of government regulation**

Mr Khalid Naciri, Professor at the Faculty of Law of Casablanca, former Minister, former Director of Higher Administration Institute (ISA), Morocco.

- **Anti-corruption measures as a condition for good governance and fairness**

Mr Giuseppe Santalucia, Deputy Head of the Legislative Office of the Ministry of Justice of Italy.

DISCUSSION

13h00-14h30 Buffet lunch "Sala Mappamondi"

14h30-16h40 SECOND PANEL

THE RULE OF LAW AND EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Ms Stefania Rosini, Deputy Head of the Service for Legal Affairs, Diplomatic Disputes and International Agreements, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy

Four discussants:

- **Rule of law and sustainable development**

Ms Maria Chiara Malaguti, Vice President of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) 2014-2015, Italy.

- **Corruption as an instrument to distort competition, hinder economic development and endanger social justice**

Mr Fernando Jimenez Sanchez, Evaluator from the Group of States against Corruption of the Council of Europe (GRECO), Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Murcia, Spain.

- **Effectiveness of the protection of economic and social rights in Tunisia**

Mr Mehdi Ben Braham, Expert in social protection, Laboratory of Economy and Industrial Management (LEGI) at the Polytechnic School of Tunisia, Tunis.

- **Effectiveness of the protection of civil and political rights**

Mr Antoine Messarra, Member of the Constitutional Council of Lebanon.

DISCUSSION

16h40-17h00 Coffee break "Sala Mappamondi"

17h00-18h00 GENERAL DISCUSSION

18h00-18h30 CONCLUSIONS

Mr Andrea Tiriticco, Head of the Service for Legal Affairs, Diplomatic Disputes and International Agreements, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy.

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Sen. Benedetto Della Vedova, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy.

18h30 Reception at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy
"Sala Mappamondi"