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**17<sup>th</sup> meeting  
of the Bureau of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice  
19 March 2022, Venice and online**

**Synopsis**

The meeting of the Bureau of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice (WCCJ) was opened and chaired, on behalf of the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa, by Mr Diouf Ndiaw, former Vice-President of the Constitutional Council of Senegal, as a hybrid meeting (Venice and online) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The main topics of the meeting were the situation in Ukraine, notably the request for suspension of the membership of the Constitutional Courts of the Russian Federation and Belarus and then the preparation of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the WCCJ on the topic “*Constitutional Justice and Peace*” that will be hosted by the Constitutional Court of Indonesia in Bali on 4-7 October 2022.

Notably, the Bureau:

- Postponed due to a lack of time to gather information from regional and linguistic groups and other Bureau members: (1) a vote on the decision on the suspension of the membership of the Constitutional Courts of the Russian Federation and Belarus under Article 9 of the Statute; and (2) a vote on a proposal for a resolution to reaffirm the WCCJ’s values and decided to convene online for an extraordinary meeting of the Bureau to vote on these issues;
- was updated by the Constitutional Court of Indonesia and the Secretariat on the preparation of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress (invitations to be sent, key-note speeches, interpretation, size of delegations, participation of members from Least Developed Countries, Bali Communiqué) and requested the regional and linguistic groups to provide updated information on the contact details of their members to facilitate invitations to the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress.
- examined the Interim Financial Report;
- was informed by the regional and linguistic groups about their past and future activities.
- decided to hold an extraordinary meeting online at the end of May 2022 and the one after that in Bali, on 4 October 2022, at the venue of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress.

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