



**CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS AND**  
**EQUIVALENT INSTITUTIONS**  
**AND**  
**THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW**  
**OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE (VENICE COMMISSION)**

The Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (hereinafter referred to as “the Association”) and the European Commission for Democracy through Law of the Council of Europe – Venice Commission (hereinafter referred to as “ the Commission”);

Recalling the satisfactory co-operation and exchange in the past between the Commission and members of the Association in strengthening constitutionalism and constitutional justice;

Considering that further and intensified co-operation and exchange will be beneficial to both the Commission and the Association as well as members of the Association in their common efforts to enhance constitutional justice, thereby promoting democracy, rule of law and protection of human rights, in the Asian region;

Desiring to expand modes of co-operation and exchange as are practicable under the current circumstances;

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1 – Contributions to CODICES**

Members of the Association are invited to contribute to the CODICES database of the Commission. For this purpose, they can appoint liaison officers, who shall submit their leading constitutional case-law as full texts in the original language and as summaries (précis) in English or French for inclusion in the CODICES database three times a year.

Each member of the Association shall ensure that these contributions are consistent in form and indexed in accordance with the Commission’s Systematic Thesaurus so they can be added to the database without further processing.

The Commission shall acknowledge the valuable contribution of members of the Association in the database.

## **Article 2 – Exchange of Publications**

Members of the Association shall, if they so wish, receive free of charge publications of the Commission (in the Science and Technique of Democracy series), together with the Commission's Bulletin on Constitutional Case-Law and the CODICES database on CD-ROM.

Members of the Association are invited to send their publications to the Commission's multilingual Documentation Centre on Constitutional Justice in Strasbourg.

## **Article 3 – Venice Forum Newsgroup**

The Commission shall provide access to its Venice Forum Newsgroup to the liaison officers appointed by members of the Association.

## **Article 4 – Participation in Meetings**

A representative of the Association shall be invited to attend the Commission's meetings, in particular that of its Joint Council on Constitutional Justice.

A representative of the Commission shall be invited to attend the Congresses of the Association.

## **Article 5 – Entry into Force and Termination of the Agreement**

The present Agreement shall enter into force once it has been approved by appropriate bodies of the Association and the Commission and signed by their representatives.

It shall continue to be in force until either party gives a three-month prior written notice to the other party of its intention to terminate it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement.

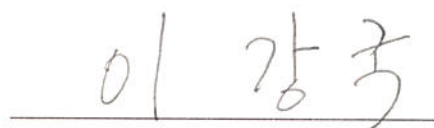
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For the European Commission  
for Democracy through Law of  
the Council of Europe (Venice Commission)



President of the Commission

For the Association of Asian  
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