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**Closing Remarks
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Honorable Mr. Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission,
Mr. Schnutz Dürr, Secretary of the World Conference,
Honorable Presidents,
Chief Justices,
Chairpersons,
Distinguished delegates,

I regret to say that the time has come to bring the 3rd Congress of the World Conference to a close.

Over the past three days, we had a very special time together, putting our heads together to share our ideas, experience, and wisdom about the constitution and constitutional justice.

Thanks to your active participation, passionate exchange of ideas, deep understanding, and close cooperation, we were able to engage in candid, productive discussions of key issues related to constitutional justice and social integration. During the Congress, we have reaffirmed that the protection of universal human rights through constitutional justice results in increased happiness of the members of society and facilitates social integration.

By adopting the Seoul Communiqué, we reached an understanding on the importance of strengthening the network between courts of constitutional jurisdiction, and shared our expectations for further promotion of dialogue on human rights cooperation at the international level, including the possibility of establishing a human rights court in Asia.

I hope we can build on this achievement based on constitutional justice of countries around the world and international human rights systems, and further deepen our academic research and studies.

Hopefully, this will allow human rights and democracy to be protected more strongly worldwide, and the rule of law to take firm root in societies. This way, the World Conference will represent a new hope for the entire humanity aspiring to peace and justice.

In this Congress, new Courts have been elected to the Bureau, which has laid the foundation for continuity and development of the World Conference. I would like to express my congratulations to the Constitutional Court of Austria, the Constitutional Court of Turkey, and the Constitutional Court of Lithuania on their election, and I look forward to their commitment to further development of the World Conference.

Let me also thank the outgoing member Courts of the Bureau—the Constitutional Court of South Africa, the Constitutional Court of Lithuania, the Constitutional Council of Algeria, and the Supreme Federal Court of Brazil—for their hard work and contribution during their term, working alongside the Korean Constitutional Court.

Now, it is finally time to say goodbye. Although we do not have the venue yet, I already look forward to the 4th Congress, which will be held three years from now pursuant to the Statute.

I truly hope that our special relationship will continue and grow even stronger. I also wish that your visit to Seoul during this Congress is remembered as a fruitful and beautiful memory for a long time.

Again, I want to thank all the delegations and distinguished guests for actively participating throughout the Congress despite their tight schedule. Well, so this concludes the 3rd Congress of the World Conference.

Thank you.