

**H.E. Mr. Gianni Buquicchio,
President of the Venice Commission**

Yerevan, 11 May 2020

Dear Mr. President,

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of establishment of the Venice Commission, it is my great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to you and all the members of the Commission.

The success and high reputation, which the Commission has attained over the past 30 years, is a result of its devoted professional work and steadfast allegiance to the fundamental values Council of Europe family is based upon. As impressively described by yourself, the Venice Commission has developed itself into an irreplaceable institution from the viewpoint of the protection and promotion of the mentioned values. The opinions and reports of the Commission are a valuable reference source in our daily work, while the mechanism of ‘amicus curiae’ opinions makes the Commission our valuable partner and advisor.

Dear Mr. President,

I have been privileged to cooperate with the Commission within various formats during the years of your presidency and had the honor to know you in person. Hereby, I should emphasize that the successful implementation of the mission of the Commission has been possible to a greater extent due to your high professionalism, openness to dialog and respect for Commission’s high standards in many hard and politically sensitive situations.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate my sincere congratulations and to extend to you my warmest wishes of good health and many years of efficient professional service.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Hrayr Tovmasyan
President of the Constitutional Court
Armenia