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RA MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
RA HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER**

**EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
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THROUGH LAW (VENICE COMMISSION)
OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

P R O G R A M M E

OF

**YEREVAN PAN-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE CONVENED WITHIN THE FRAMES
OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA AT THE COMMITTEE
OF MINISTERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

TOPIC

**THE EUROPEAN LEGAL STANDARDS OF RULE OF LAW AND THE SCOPE OF
DISCRETION OF POWERS IN THE MEMBER-STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF
EUROPE**

**YEREVAN
(03 – 05 July, 2013)**

July 02-03

Welcoming of the participants of the Conference at “Zvartnots” International Airport of the City of Yerevan according to the timetable of their arrival
Accommodation of the guests at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

July 02

(Tuesday)

14.00 – Lunch at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

19.00 – Reception at “Ani Hall” of “Ani Plaza” Hotel

July 03

(Wednesday)

08.00 – 09.00 – Breakfast at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

09.00 – Departure from “Ani Plaza” Hotel to the RA National Assembly

09.30 – Registration of the participants of the Conference at the RA National Assembly

10.00 – Opening of the activities of the Conference at the Sitting Hall of the RA National Assembly

Opening Speeches

- **Mr. HOVIK ABRAHAMYAN** – President of the RA National Assembly
- **Mr. EDWARD NALBANDIAN** – RA Minister of Foreign Affairs

Greeting speeches

- **Mr. SERZH SARGSYAN** – RA President
- **Mr. DEAN SPIELMANN** – President of the European Court of Human Rights
- **Mr. GIANNI BUQUICCHIO** – President of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

Session 1¹

Chaired by Mr. Gianni BUQUICCHIO – President of the Venice Commission

Theme of Session

Principle of Rule of Law as Axiological Ground for the Social Behavior of the Authorities and the Individual in the Rule of Law State: Constitutional Guarantees in Different Countries

10.30 – 11.30 - *Thematic Reports*

1. Mr. **Gagik Harutyunyan** – President of the RA Constitutional Court

“Position and Role of Rule of Law in Human and Citizen's Behavior” (*in Armenian*)

2. Mr. **Peter Paczolay** – President of the Constitutional Court of Hungary

“Constitutional Reform in Hungary: European Commitment and National Sovereignty”
(*in English*)

3. Ms. **Alvina Gyulumyan** - Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

“Positive Responsibilities of Authorities” (*in English*)

Discussion of the Reports

11.30 – 12.00 – Coffee Break

Collective Photographing of the Participants of the Conference

12.00 – 13.30 – *Continuation of Thematic Reports*

4. Mr. **Mato Arlovic** - Judge of the Constitutional Court of Croatia

“Constitutional Court Activism and European Legal Standards” (*in English*)

5. Ms. **Maria Jose Rangel de Mesquita** - Member of the Constitutional Court of Portugal

“Ensuring the Rule of Law and the Legislator's Margin of Appreciation: Examples of Implementation in the Portuguese Legal Order” (*in French*)

Discussion of the Reports, Statements

13.00 – 14.30 - Lunch

Session 2

Chaired by Mr. Gagik HARUTYUNYAN – President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

Theme of Session

Principle of Rule of Law as Criteria of Determination of the Scope of the Legislative Discretion: Experience of Different States

14.30 – 16.00 - *Thematic Reports*

1. Mr. **Boris Velchev** – Member of the Constitutional Court of Bulgaria

¹ Up to 15 minutes are provided for the reports and up to 5 minutes for making statements

“The Bulgarian Electoral Legislation and the Standards of Legality of Elections Laid Down in the Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters Adopted by the Venice Commission” (*in English*)

2. Mr. **Oleh Serheichuk** – Judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine

“The Principle of Rule of Law as the Criteria of Determination of the Scope of the Legislative Discretion: Ukrainian Experience” (*in Russian*)

3. Mr. **Ilyas Bahtybaev** – Member of the Constitutional Council of Kazakhstan

“Implementation of the Norms of International Law in the National Legislation of Kazakhstan” (*in Russian*)

Discussion of the Reports, Statements

16.00 – Departure from the RA National Assembly to “Ani Plaza” Hotel, free time

18.30 - Departure from “Ani Plaza” Hotel to the Reception House of the RA Government

19.00 - Reception on the behalf of the President of the Republic of Armenia

July 04

(Thursday)

08.00 – 09.00 – Breakfast at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

09.00 – Departure from “Ani Plaza” Hotel to the RA National Assembly

Session 3

Chaired by Mr. David HARUTYUNYAN – President of the Standing Committee on State and Legal Affairs of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

Theme of Session

Judicial Review of the Laws and Other Legal Acts by Independent Judicial Bodies: Experience of Different States in the Sphere of Enrooting Effective System of Constitutional Review and in the Field of Cooperation with Different Bodies of State Power

09.30 – 11.00 – *Thematic Reports*

1. Mr. **András Sajó** – Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, Expert of the Venice Commission

“Constitutional Courts and Popular Representation” (*in English*)

2. Mr. **Petr Miklashevich** – President of the Constitutional Court of Belarus

“Rule of Law and the Scopes of Discretion of the Legislative Power” (*in Russian*)

3. Mr. **Wojciech Hermeliński** – Member of the Constitutional Tribunal of Poland

“The Principle of the Independence of Judges in the Jurisprudence of the Constitutional Tribunal” (*in English*)

4. Mr. **Mikhail Kleandrov** – Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation

“European Standards in the Field of Disciplinary Responsibility of Judges and the Legislation of the Russian Federation” (*in Russian*)

5. Ms. **Laurence Burgogue-Larsen** – Vice President of the Constitutional Court of Andorra

“Question of National Margins of Appreciation” (*in French*)

Discussion of the Reports, Statements

11.00 – 11.30 – Coffee Break

Session 4

Chaired by Mr. Karen ANDREASYAN – Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia

Theme of Session

Cooperation of Human Rights’ Defender with Different State and Local Self-Government Bodies in Ensuring the Effective Implementation of the Principle of Rule of Law

11.30 – 12.30 – *Thematic Reports*

1. Ms. **Agnes Lux** – Deputy Head of Department of the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary

“Hungarian Constitutional Situation: Changes in Ombudsman Institution, Children’s Rights” *(in English)*

2. Ms. **Aurelia Grigoriu** – Parliamentary Advocate of the Republic of Moldova

“Observance and Protection of Human Rights in the Territories of “Frozen Conflicts”” *(in Russian)*

Discussion of the Reports, Statements

Statements by the Representatives of Different Countries (up to 5 minutes)

12.30 – 13.00 - Summing up the Results of the Conference

- Discussion and Adoption of the Final Resolution of the Conference

13.00 – 14.00 – Lunch

15.00 – 16.30 - Visit to Matenadaran

16.30 – 18.30 – Visit to Yerevan Brandy Factory

18.30 – 19.30 – Free time

19.30 – Official Dinner on the behalf of the RA National Assembly and the RA Constitutional Court

July 05

(Friday)

08.00 – 09.00 – Breakfast at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

09.00 – Visit to Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, Zvartnots Cathedral

14.00 – Lunch at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

16.00 – 17.00 – Presentation of the Volume **“New Millennium Constitutionalism: Paradigms of Reality and Challenges”** at the “Medieval Hall” of the National Gallery of Armenia

19.00 – Dinner at “Ani Hall” of “Ani Plaza” Hotel

July 06
(Saturday)

08.00 – 09.00 – Breakfast at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

13.00 – 14.00 – Lunch at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

Departure of the guests from “Zvartnots” International Airport of the City of Yerevan (in accordance with the timetable of the departure)

Official languages of the conference – Armenian, English, Russian, French

The presentations and all the other related materials of the Conference will be published by the Organizers in the four-lingual “Almanac – 2013”