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in co-operation with
THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF ARMENIA

and

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

XIV YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON

**“INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE OF INTERACTION
BETWEEN CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS AND
PARLIAMENTS IN GUARANTEEING THE SUPREMACY
OF THE CONSTITUTION”**

**YEREVAN, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
30 SEPTEMBER – 1 OCTOBER 2009**

SYNOPSIS

The Constitutional Court of Armenia, the National Assembly of Armenia and the Venice Commission under the aegis of the Conference of Constitutional Control Organs of Countries of Young Democracy (CCCOCYD) organised the annual Yerevan Conference on “International experience of interaction between constitutional courts and parliaments in guaranteeing the supremacy of the Constitution”. The event took place in Yerevan on 30 September -1 October 2009 in the building of the National Assembly.

The Council of Europe’s delegation consisted of Mr Josep Casadevall, Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights, Mr Gianni Buquicchio and Ms Tatiana Mychelova, respectively Secretary and External Relations Officer of the Venice Commission.

The following participated in this conference (around 100 participants):

- Presidents from the constitutional courts of Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Latvia, Moldova and Tajikistan; Vice–Presidents of the Constitutional Courts of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Russian Federation;
- judges and representatives of the Constitutional Courts or equivalent bodies of Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and Ukraine.
- The President of the Senate and the Vice-Chair of the House of Representatives of Belgium, members of parliaments of Armenia, Belarus, the Czech Republic, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Poland, Serbia and Romania;
- Representatives of OSCE in Armenia, the SRSG in Armenia.

The aim of the conference was to exchange information on the relations between the highest courts of constitutional jurisdiction and parliaments in dealing with constitutional matters.

The discussions covered the following issues:

1. Guaranteeing of the supremacy of Constitutions as a basic safeguard for the stability of the rule of law;
2. Parliamentary guarantees for exercising constitutional control;
3. Legal positions of the Courts as a source of law, their role in overcoming the law lacunas;
4. European tendencies for development of functional relationships between parliaments and Constitutional Courts.

The proceedings of this conference will be published in the CCCOCYD Almanac.

At this event, Mr Buquicchio, Secretary of the Venice Commission, was appointed to the Order of Honour of the Republic of Armenia “for contribution to European integration of Armenia and services in implementing legal reforms in the Republic of Armenia”.