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REQUEST BY THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

OF AN OPINION ON THE ALBANIAN LAW ON THE ORGANISATION OF THE JUDICIARY

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PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Chairperson

26 June 1995

Dear Mr President,

In accordance with the decision taken by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights at its meeting in Paris on 29 May 1995, I would like to ask the Venice Commission to make a legal analysis of the Albanian "Law on the Organisation of the Judiciary", being Chapter VI of the transitional Constitution of Albania, to ascertain whether this law is in conformity with Council of Europe standards in the field.

I would be very grateful if this analysis could be submitted to the Committee in due course. While it may no longer then be relevant to the accession procedure (the debate on the accession of Albania to the Council of Europe is scheduled to take place during the June 1995 part-session of the Assembly), the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights is charged with monitoring the commitments and obligations of member states under Order No. 508 (1995). The Committee will certainly monitor the question of the independence of the judiciary in the case of Albania.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Lydie Err

Mr Antonio LA PERGOLA President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law Council of Europe