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**Workshop on the Constitutional Court  
of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

**Baku, 4-5 December 1997**

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and the Venice Commission

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Policy Institute (COLPI)

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**P R O G R A M M E**

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**Wednesday, 3 December 1997**

Arrival of international participants with Lufthansa from Frankfurt (departure 13.00 - arrival 20.35)

**Thursday, 4 December 1997**

**Morning session chaired by Mr. Khanlar Hadjiyev, Chairman, Supreme Court, Baku, Azerbaijan**

9.30

**Opening**

Mr. Khanlar Hadjiyev, Chairman, Supreme Court, Baku, Azerbaijan, Member of the Venice Commission

Mr. Antonio La Pergola, Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Communities, President of the Venice Commission

Mr. Marat Baglay, Chairman, Constitutional Court, Moscow, Russian Federation

10.00

**The new law on the Constitutional Court of Azerbaijan**

Mr. S. Mirzoyev, Chief of the Administration of the Milli Mejlis (Parliament) of the Azerbaijan Republic

Discussion

**Judicial independence - a necessary precondition for the work of a Constitutional Court**

Mr. Armando Marques Guedes, Former President of the Constitutional Court, Lisbon, Portugal, Member of the Venice Commission

Discussion

**The importance of the individual complaint to the Constitutional Court**

Mr. Giorgio Malinverni, Professor at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, Member of the Venice Commission

Mr. Fuad Aleskerov, Chief of the State Law Department of the Presidential Administration of the Azerbaijan Republic

Discussion

12.30

Lunch

**Afternoon session chaired by Antonio La Pergola, President of the Venice Commission, Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Communities**

14.30

**Ways of implementing the law on the Constitutional Court of Azerbaijan**

Mr. Shahin Aliyev, Chief of the Legislative Issues and Legal Expertise Department of the Presidential Office

Discussion

**The relationship of the Constitutional court to courts of ordinary jurisdiction**

Mr. Gadis Gadzhjiev, Judge, Constitutional Court, Moscow, Russian Federation

Mr. Khanlar Hadjiyev, Chairman, Supreme Court, Baku, Azerbaijan, Member of the Venice Commission

Discussion

**Friday, 5 December 1997**

**Morning session chaired by Mr Armando Marques Guedes, Former President of the Constitutional Court, Lisbon, Portugal, Member of the Venice Commission**

10.00      **Establishing procedures - requirements of the Constitutional Court of Azerbaijan**  
Mr. Namig Aliyev, Chief of the State Construction Legislation Department of the Administration of the Milli Mejlis (Parliament)

Discussion

**Effective case-management and smooth procedure - a requirement for the fundamental right to access to courts**

Mr. Peter Paczolay, Secretary General, Constitutional Court, Budapest, Hungary, Liason officer with the Venice Commission

Discussion

**Effects and implementation of decisions by the Constitutional Court**

Mr. Avtandil Demetrashvili, President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia, Member of the Venice Commission

Discussion

12.30      Lunch

**Afternoon session chaired by Mr. Avtandil Demetrashvili, President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia, Member of the Venice Commission**

14.30      **Round table - The role of the Constitutional Court in a State Ruled by Law**  
Moderated by Mr. Antonio La Pergola, Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Communities, President of the Venice Commission

16.30      **Closure**  
Mr. Khanlar Hadjiyev, Chairman, Supreme Court, Baku, Azerbaijan, Member of the Venice Commission

Mr. Antonio La Pergola, Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European

Communities, President of the Venice Commission

**Saturday, 6 December**

Departure of international participants with Lufthansa to Frankfurt (departure 4.35 - arrival 6.45)