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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW

(VENICE COMMISSION)

DRAFT PROGRAMME

**Seminar on
“The Role of the Constitutional Court in the State and Society”**

Kyiv, 10-11 May 2001

*Organised by the Constitutional Court of Ukraine in co-operation
with the Venice Commission and
the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation*

Wednesday, 9 May 2001

Arrival of the participants

Accommodation at the “Vozdvyzhensky” Hotel (60, Vozdvyzhenska Street)

Excursion around the city, visit to the museum “Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra”

Visit to the National Opera House

Thursday, 10 May 2001

8.30 Private breakfast

9.30 Registration of the participants
(Palace of Arts “Ukrainian House”, 5th floor, 2, Khreshchatyk Str.)

Morning session

Chair: Mr Victor Skomorokha, Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine

10.00 Opening statements

- Mr V. Skomorokha, Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine
- Mr G. Buquicchio, Secretary of the Venice Commission
- Mr G. Ryzhkov, Legal Adviser for the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation

10.20 **Influence of the Constitutional Court on shaping civil society and the State of law**

Rapporteur: Mr Pavlo Yevgrafov, Deputy Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine

10.40 Discussion

11.00 Coffee break

11.20 **The Constitutional Court and the separation of powers**

Rapporteur: Mr Lech Garlicki, Judge of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic of Poland

11.40 Discussion

- 12.00** **Problems of functions of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine**
- Rapporteur:* Mr Victor Pohorilko, Head of the Constitutional Law and Local Government Section, Institute of State and Law, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
- 12.20** Discussion
- 12.40** End of the morning session
- 13.00** Lunch (“Dnipro” Hotel, 1/2, Khreshchatyk Str.)

Afternoon session

Chair: **Mr Gianni Buquicchio, Secretary of the Venice Commission**

- 14.30** **The Constitutional Court as an institution of checks and balances in the State power system**
- Rapporteur:* Mr Mykola Savenko, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine
- 14.50** Discussion
- 15.10** **Cooperation between the Constitutional court of Ukraine and Authorized Representative of the Verrkhovna Rada of Ukraine on Human Rights (Ombudsperson)**
- Rapporteur:* Ivan Yemets, Adviser to the Authorized Representative of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on Human Rights (Ombudsperson)
- 15.30** Discussion
- 15.50** Coffee break
- 16.10** **The role of the Constitutional Court with regard to the Legislator**
- Rapporteur:* Mr Ján Klučka, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Slovak Republic, Member of the Venice Commission
- 16.30** Discussion
- 17.00** End of the first day of the seminar
- 19.00** Official Dinner hosted by the Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine (House of Receptions of the Cabinet of Ministers, 1, Shovkovychna Str.)

Friday, 11 May 2001

8.30 Private breakfast

Morning session

Chair: Mr Pavlo Yevgrafov, Deputy Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine

10.00

Rapporteur: Mrs Maryna Stavniychuk, Member of the Central Electoral Commission of Ukraine

10.20 Discussion

10.40 **Introducing amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine: current situation and legislative control perspectives** (*brief report*)

Rapporteur: Mr Oleksandr Zadorozhnyi, Head of the Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on Legal Policy

11.00 Discussion

11.20 Coffee break

11.40 **Role of the Constitutional Court in the State and Society in Spain**

Rapporteur: Mr Javier Guillen Carames, Professor of Administrative Law, University of King Juan Carlos I, Spain

12.00 Discussion

12.20 General closing discussion

12.50 **Closing statements**

- Mr V. Skomorokha, Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine
- Mr G. Buquicchio, Secretary of the Venice Commission

13.00 End of the seminar

13.15 Lunch ("Dnipro" Hotel, 1/2, Khreshchatyk Street)
Departure of the Foreign participants (Appendix 1)