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**Seminar on “The Effects of the Constitutional Court Decisions”
28-29 April 2003, Tirana, Albania**

SYNOPSIS

The seminar’s aim was to raise awareness among politicians and legal professionals on the importance of the implementation of the Constitutional Court’s decisions and on the role of the Constitutional Court in a democratic society.

The event was organised upon the request of and in co-operation with the Constitutional Court of Albania.

The rapporteurs and the Albanian speakers and participants exchanged experiences and views on the binding effect of the Constitutional courts decisions and their effects in relation to other judiciary and political institutions. Reports were submitted by four Venice Commission experts:

- Mrs Eliska WAGNEROVA, Vice-President, Constitutional Court of Czech Republic;
- Ms Anke EILERS, Law Clerk at the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany;
- Mr Franc TESTEN, Judge, Supreme Court of Slovenia, former President of the Constitutional Court;
- Mr Pablo SANTOLAYA, Professor of Constitutional Law University of Cantabria, Spain;

The Albanian rapporteurs were:

- Mr. Kristofor PEÇI, Judge, Constitutional Court
- Mr. Spiro SPIRO, Judge, Supreme Court
- Mr. Njazi JAHO, Albanian Helsinki Committee

About 60 representatives of the following Albanian institutions participated in the event: the parliament, courts, High Council of Justice, General prosecutor (and his predecessor), Presidential and Prime Minister’s administrations, ministries of Justice and Foreign Affairs, the People’s Advocate, Tirana University, various NGOs.

The discussions were lively and the media coverage was quite substantial. The Council of Europe delegation and the judges of the Constitutional Court of Albania were received by the President of the Republic.

The seminar’s proceedings will be published in the CDL-JU series of the Commission’s documents and will be available on the restricted site of the Commission.

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