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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
(VENICE COMMISSION)

**in co-operation with the
Constitutional Court of
“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”**

**International Conference
“Constitutional protection: current state of affairs
and perspectives”**

**on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of
the functioning of the Constitutional Court**

Skopje, 2-3 June 2004

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, June 2nd, 2004

Arrival and welcome of guests at *Petrovec* Airport, Skopje and transfer to *h. Holiday Inn* (venue of the Conference)

21.00 **Welcome Reception**, hosted by **Mrs Liljana INGILIZOVA-RISTOVA**, President of the Constitutional Court of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (Living Room, *h. Holiday Inn*)

Thursday, June 3rd, 2004

9.00 **Solemn opening of the Conference**

- Opening speech by **Mrs Liljana INGILIZOVA-RISTOVA**, President of the Constitutional Court of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
- Address by **Mr Gianni BUQUICCHIO**, Secretary of the Venice Commission, Council of Europe
- Address by Judge **Mrs Margarita TSATSA-NIKOLOVSKA**, representative of the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg
- Address by **Mr Christos ARTEMIDES**, President of the Supreme Court of Cyprus and acting President of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts
- Address by **H. E. Mr Branko CRVENKOVSKI**, President of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

9.45 Coffee break

10.30 **1st Working Session of the Conference**

Chair: Mrs Liljana INGILIZOVA-RISTOVA, President of the Constitutional Court of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and
Mr Gianni BUQUICCHIO, Secretary of the Venice Commission, Council of Europe

10.30-10.45 **Prof. Dr. Siegfried BROSS**, Judge of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany, "*On the position of a Constitutional Court in a modern state under the rule of law - the experience of the Federal Constitutional Court of the Federal Republic of Germany*"

10.45.- 11.00 **Mrs Simone VEIL**, Member of the Constitutional Council of France, "*The Constitutional justice in France - current state of affairs and perspectives*"

11.00 - 11.15 **Dr. Ciril RIBIČIČ**, Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Slovenia, "*The Constitutional protection of National Minorities in Slovenia*"

- 11.15 - 11.30 **Dr. Juraj BABJAK**, Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic, *"The Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic in the second decade of its existence"*
- 11.30-11.45 **Dr. Trendafil IVANOVSKI**, Judge of the Constitutional Court of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", *"Determinants in providing constitutional protection"*
- 11.50 - 13.00 **Discussion**
- 13.30 - 15.00 **Lunch** hosted by **Dr. Ljupco JORDANOVSKI**, President of the Assembly of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

16.00 **2nd Working Session of the Conference**

Chair: Mrs Liljana INGILIZOVA-RISTOVA, President of the Constitutional Court of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and
Mr Gianni BUQUICCHIO, Secretary of the Venice Commission, Council of Europe

- 16.00-16.15 **Mrs Margarita TSATSA-NIKOLOVSKA**, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, *"Principles of interpretation of the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in accomplishing constitutional protection"*
- 16.15-16.30 **Prof. Dr. Vladimir Georgievic STREKOZOV**, Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation, *"Protection of rights and freedoms of citizens by the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation"*
- 16.30-16.45 **Dr. Jasna OMEJEC**, Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Croatia, *"Legal protection for making court decisions within reasonable time in Constitutional Court of the Republic of Croatia"*
- 16.45- 17.00 **Prof. Dr. Didier MAUS**, Magistrat of the Constitutional Tribunal of Andorra and member of the State Council of France, *"The fundamental rights in the draft constitution of the European Union"*
- 17.00- 17.15 **Mr Jerzy STĘPIEN**, Judge of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic of Poland, *"The role of the Constitutional Tribunal in the period of transition in Poland and before the accession to the European Union"*

17. 15 - 18.00

Discussion

Final remarks by **Mr Gianni BUQUICCHIO**, Secretary of the Venice Commission

Closing speech by **Mrs Liljana INGILIZOVA-RISTOVA**, President of the Constitutional Court of “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”