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International Scientific and Practical Conference

*“Constitutional control and development of a social state
ruled by law”*

Minsk, 9 - 10 September 2004

PROGRAMME

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Programme of the Conference

Thursday, 9 September 2004

9.00 — 9.50 Registration of participants of the Conference

10.00 — 13.00 Morning session

10.00 — 10.05 Opening of the Conference.

Opening remarks of **Mr Grigory A. VASILEVICH**, Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Belarus

10.05 — 10.15 Address of **Mr Gianni BUQUICCHIO**, Secretary of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

**Problems of forming and development of a social
state ruled by law**

10.15 — 10.35 Report of **Mr Grygory A. VASILEVICH**, Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Belarus, “Securing acquired rights in a social state ruled by law : constitutional guarantees, legislation and practice”

10.35 — 11.15 Report of **Mr Hans-Heinrich VOGEL**, Member of the Venice Commission, Professor of Public Law, University of Lund, Sweden, “Social rights in the perspective of international law”

11.15 — 11.30 Report of **Mr Victor G. GOLOVANOV**, Minister of Justice of Belarus, “Activities of the judicial bodies of justice in forming the social state ruled by law”

11.30 — 11.55 Break

11.55 — 12.10 Report of **Ms Natalya I. ANDREJCHIK**, Chairperson of Republican Bar Association, “The institute of the Bar in the state ruled by law”

12.10 — 13.00 **Discussion**

13.00 — 14.30 Lunch

14.30 — 18.00 Afternoon session

**The role of constitutional control, law making and law application in the practice of
forming a social state ruled by law**

14.30 — 15.10 Report of **Mr Jean-Pierre MASSIAS**, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, University of Auvergne, France, “Constitutional justice in France and social rights” (presented by Ms M.-E. Baudoin)

15.10 — 15.25 Report of **Mr Alexander V. IVANOVSKY**, Deputy Prosecutor General of Belarus, “Public Prosecutions and law applying practice in Belarus”

15.25 — 15.40 Report of **Mr Georgy A. VOROBEL**, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Belarus, “The role of constitutional control in the observance of social principles of taxation”

15.40 — 15.55 Report of **Ms Rimma I. FILIPCHIK**, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Belarus, “The judiciary in the process of forming a social state ruled by law”

15.55 — 16.20 Break

16.20 — 16.35 Report of **Ms Valentina V. PODGRUSHA**, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Belarus, “The social basis in law for creating and law applying practice in a social state ruled by law”

16.35 — 16.50 Report of **Ms Elissa A. SARKISOVA**, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Belarus, “Constitutional control of observance of the rights and freedoms in the field of criminal and criminal procedure regulation”

16.50 — 17.50 **Discussion**

17.50 — 18.00 Commentaries, announcements

Friday, 10 September 2004

10.00 — 13.00 Morning session

Mechanisms of the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms

10.05 — 10.45 Report of **Ms Herdis THORGEIRSDOTTIR**, Research fellow, Faculty of Law, Bifrost School of Business, Iceland, Substitute member of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe, “European standards in the field of freedom of expression relating to the mass media”

10.45 — 11.25 Report of **Mr Matthew RUSSELL**, Former President of the Sub-Commission on Constitutional Justice, Ireland, “Freedom of expression as seen from Ireland”

11.25 — 11.50 Break

11.50 — 12.05 Report of **Mr Valery F. LIPKIN**, Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, National Relations and Mass Media of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of Belarus, “Civil society and mass media”

12.05 — 12.20 Report of **Mr Valentin Z. SHUKLIN**, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Belarus, “The protection of economic rights of citizens in the social state by the Constitutional Court of Belarus”

12.20 — 13.20 **Discussion**

13.20 — 13.40 **Summing up and conclusion of the Conference**