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Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia
Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia
Conference of Constitutional Control Organs of Countries of Young Democracy
Centre for Constitutional Law of the Republic of Armenia

**CONFERENCE TO COMMEMORATE
THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

**"INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE OF THE
COOPERATION BETWEEN CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS
AND OMBUDSMEN IN THE FIELD OF ENSURING AND
PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS"**

Yerevan, Armenia, 5-7 October 2007

PROGRAMME

3-4 October

Meeting of the participants of the conference at “Zvartnots” airport (according to the schedule of flights)

Arrival of the participants of the Conference to Yerevan and their accommodation at "Ani Plaza" hotel

Thursday, 4 October

11.00-13.00	Cultural program (Visit to Matenadaran, National Art Gallery)
13.00-14.30	Lunch at “Ani Plaza” Hotel
14.30-19.00	Cultural program - Holy See of Ejmiadzin, Zvartnotz
20.00	Reception-meeting of the participants of the Conference at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

Friday, 5 October

09.00-10.00	Registration of the participants of the Conference
10.00 - 10.30	Opening of the 12th Yerevan International Conference in the hall of “Ani Plaza” Hotel

Opening speeches

Mr. Gagik Harutyunyan
President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia,

Mr. Gianni Buquicchio
Secretary General of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

Mr. Armen Harutyunyan
Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia

Greeting speeches

Mr. Tigran Torossyan
Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

Mr. Jean-Paul Costa
President of the European Court of Human Rights

Mr. Peter Kostelka
Chairman of the European region of the International Ombudsman Institute

1st Session¹

10.30-13.30

Chaired by Mr. G. Buquicchio - Secretary of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

Reports

Experience of Belgium, Poland, Russian Federation and Spain on ensuring and protection of human rights in the sphere of cooperation of the bodies of Constitutional Jurisdiction and Defender of Human Rights (Ombudsmen)

Questions and discussion

11.30-12.00 Coffee break

12.00-13.30 Continuation of presentations

Experience of Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania and Slovenia on ensuring and protection of human rights in the sphere of cooperation of the bodies of Constitutional Jurisdiction and Defender of Human Rights (Ombudsmen)

Questions and discussion

13.30-15.00 Lunch Break

2nd Session

15.00-17.00

Chaired by Didier Maus - President of the Constitutional Court of Andorra

Reports

Experience of Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Macedonia and Slovakia on ensuring and protection of human rights in the sphere of cooperation of the bodies of Constitutional Jurisdiction and Defender of Human Rights (Ombudsmen)

Questions and discussion

17.00-19.00 Free time

19.00 Official reception

¹ 20 minutes is envisaged for the presentation of the reports, and 5 minutes - for statements.

Saturday, 6 October

3rd Session
09.00-13.00

Chaired by Mr. G. Harutyunyan – President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

Reports

Experience of Belarus, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Netherlands, Tajikistan and Ukraine on ensuring and protection of human rights in the sphere of cooperation of the bodies of Constitutional Jurisdiction and Defender of Human Rights (Ombudsmen)

Questions and discussion

10.30-11.00 -Coffee break

11.00-13.00 -Continuation of reports

Reports

Experience of Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Sweden on ensuring and protection of human rights in the sphere of cooperation of the bodies of Constitutional Jurisdiction and Defender of Human Rights (Ombudsmen)

Questions and discussion

13.00-14.30 - Lunch Break

4th Session
14.30 – 16.30

Chaired by Mr. Vladimir Lukin – Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation

Reports

1. Experience of Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia and Portugal on ensuring and protection of human rights in the sphere of cooperation of the bodies of Constitutional Jurisdiction and Defender of Human Rights (Ombudsmen)
2. Statements of the representatives of the international organisations on the discussed issue

Questions and discussion

Summary of the results of discussions by the chairpersons

16.30-18.30 Free time
19.00 Cultural programme
21.30 Official dinner

Sunday, 8 October

08.00-09.00 Breakfast
 Cultural programme

The working languages of the conference are: Armenian, English, French, and Russian.