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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*

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**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”, 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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**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.)

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**Friday, 11 May 2001**

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**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 Zadorozhniy, 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)