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UNIDEM SEMINAR

“CONTROLLING ELECTORAL PROCESSES”

Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies

Madrid, Spain, 23 – 25 April 2009

DRAFT PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 23 APRIL 2009

Arrival of participants (Reception and welcome dinner at the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation)

FRIDAY, 24 APRIL 2009**Venue: Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies**

10h00-10h30 Inaugural speeches (Welcome and introduction to the subjects)

José Luis DE FRANCISCO, State Secretary for Constitutional and Parliamentary Affairs, Ministry of the Presidency (Spain)

Ángel Lossada TORRES-QUEVEDO, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Spain)

Jan HELGESEN, President of the Venice Commission

Theme 1: A comparative analysis of the bodies in charge of electoral control, especially the judicial ones

10h30-11h00 Introductory report

Paloma BIGLINO CAMPOS, Director of the CEPC

11h00-11h30 *Coffee break*

11h30-12h30 Judicial control – case studies (Europe)

Moderator/Time Keeper

Antonio MARTÍN VALVERDE, President of the Spanish Central Electoral Commission and Judge of the Spanish Supreme Court

Participants

Pablo SANTOLAYA MACHETTI, Spanish Central Electoral Commission and Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Alcalá

André ROUX, Professor at the Institute of Political Studies of Aix-en-Provence (France)

Vassilis ANDROULAKIS, Associate Judge, Council of State, Greece

Milan PODHRAZKY, Chancellor of the Supreme Administrative Court, Czech Republic

12h30-14h00 *Lunch*

14h00-14h45 Judicial control - case studies (Latin America)

Moderator/Time Keeper

Pablo PÉREZ TREMPES, Judge, Constitutional Court (Spain)

Participants

The Electoral Court of Uruguay
Carlos A. URRUTY NAVATTA, President

The Supreme Court of Elections of Costa Rica
Luis Antonio SOBRADO GONZÁLEZ, President

The Federal Electoral Court of Mexico
Salvador O. NAVA GOMAR, Judge

14h45-15h15 Discussion

15h15-15h45 *Coffee break*

Theme 2: The role of the supranational judicial instances in guaranteeing the quality of the electoral processes: European Court of Human Rights and Inter-American Court of Human Rights

15h45-16h45 The control of electoral processes in the European and Inter-American Systems

Moderator/Time Keeper

George PAPUASHVILI, President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia

Participants

15h45-16h15 European Court of Human Rights
Luis LÓPEZ GUERRA, Judge

Inter-American Court of Human Rights
José Fernando OJESTO MARTÍNEZ, Professor, UNAM (Mexico)

16h45-17h15 Discussion

SATURDAY, 25 APRIL 2009**Venue: Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies****Theme 3: The specialised economic control: the control of the electoral campaigns financing**

09h00-09h45 The financial control of electoral campaigns

Moderator/Time Keeper

Manuel NUÑEZ PÉREZ, President of the Spanish Court of Audit

Participants

Felipe GARCÍA ORTIZ, Spanish Court of Audit

Samuel ISSACHAROFF, University of New York School of Law, NY

Francesc VALLÈS VIVES, Titular Professor of Constitutional Law, MP (Cortes Generales)

Jaime CÁRDENAS GRACIA, Researcher at the IJJ-UNAM (Mexico)

09h45-10h15 Discussion

10h15-10h45 *Coffee break*

Theme 4: Electoral disputes: a summary

10h45-11h15 Introductory reports

Procedural aspects: Srdjan DARMANOVIC, Professor, University of Montenegro, Podgorica

Substantive aspects: Pierre GARRONE, Head of the Division of Elections and Referendums, Venice Commission, Council of Europe

11h15-12h15 Round table on electoral disputes in practice

Moderator/Time Keeper

Luis María DIEZ-PICAZO, Judge of the Spanish Supreme Court

Participants

Salvador O. NAVA GOMAR, Judge of the Federal Electoral Court of Mexico

Other participants

12h15-12h30

Conclusions

Didier MAUS, President of the International Association of Constitutional Law

12h30-13h30

Lunch