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**16<sup>th</sup> meeting  
of the Bureau of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice  
Strasbourg, 20 March 2021 (online)**

**Synopsis**

The meeting of the Bureau<sup>1</sup> of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice (WCCJ)<sup>2</sup> was opened and chaired by Mr Milton Ray Guevara, President of the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic, as a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The main topic of the meeting was the **preparation of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the WCCJ on the topic “Constitutional Justice and Peace”** that will be hosted by the Constitutional Court of Indonesia in Bali on 4-7 October 2022.

Notably, the Bureau:

- welcomed and accepted the generous offer by the Host Court, the Constitutional Court of Indonesia, to cover the hotel expenses of up to two representatives of Member Courts from Least Developed Countries (LDC) to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the WCCJ and that the budget of the WCCJ will cover flight tickets for these representatives;
- welcomed and accepted that the Host Court will cover the costs of room hire, meals indicated in the programme, a cultural programme and local transport between the venue and nearby hotels, and airport pick-ups. The budget of the WCCJ will cover the costs of interpretation in the seven official languages (Arabic, English, French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish); interpretation equipment; travel expenses (economy class) for two participants from Member Courts in LDC countries and the participation of the Secretary General; Member Courts will cover the hotel expenses for their delegations (up to four persons maximum) themselves;
- invited regional and linguistic groups, which have not yet done so, to nominate up to three personalities as session chair, key-note speaker, discussant, or rapporteur for the sessions of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress (deadline: 30 June 2021);

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.venice.coe.int/webforms/documents/?pdf=CDL-WCCJ-GA\(2021\)001rev-bil](http://www.venice.coe.int/webforms/documents/?pdf=CDL-WCCJ-GA(2021)001rev-bil).

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.venice.coe.int/WebForms/pages/?p=02\\_WCCJ&lang=EN](https://www.venice.coe.int/WebForms/pages/?p=02_WCCJ&lang=EN).

- took note that the Secretariat will send a reminder to Member Courts about the deadline for replies to the questionnaire<sup>3</sup> (30 September 2021) and that those Member Courts which have already sent their replies are invited to update their earlier replies if they so wish;
- prepared a template for a final communiqué to be adopted at the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress;
- agreed to send letters of reminder for the payment of WCCJ contributions through diplomatic channels for Member Courts which have not contributed to the budget for a longer period of time;
- was informed about the programme of activities of the regional and linguistic groups;
- agreed to collect good practices developed by Member Courts during the COVID-19 pandemic and to discuss, at its next meeting, the possibility of organising a seminar on this topic;
- decided to hold its next meeting in Venice, in March 2022, followed by another meeting at the venue of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress, in October 2022.

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.venice.coe.int/webforms/documents/?pdf=CDL-WCCJ-GA\(2021\)002-e](https://www.venice.coe.int/webforms/documents/?pdf=CDL-WCCJ-GA(2021)002-e).