

**CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
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OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONTROL ORGANS OF THE COUNTRIES OF NEW DEMOCRACY**

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**Programme
of the XVI Yerevan International Conference
dedicated to the 15th Anniversary of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia**

**on
LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT
DECISIONS IN THE STRENGTHENING CONSTITUTIONALITY
IN THE COUNTRY**

**YEREVAN
(05 – 09 OCTOBER, 2011)**

October 05
(Wednesday)

Meeting the guests of the XVI Yerevan International Conference at “Zvartnots” Airport of the city of Yerevan

Transportation of the guests to the hotel

20.00 – Official reception of the Conference participants on behalf of the President of the Republic of Armenia Mr. **Serzh Sargsyan**

October 06
(Thursday)

08.00 – 09.00 - Breakfast

09.00 – 09.30 - Registration of the participants

09.30 - Opening of the XVI Yerevan International Conference in the hall of “Hrazdan” hotel

09.30 – 10.00 - *Opening Speeches*

- Mr. **Gagik Harutyunyan**,

President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

- Mr. **Gianni Buquicchio**,

President of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

Greeting speeches

- Mr. **Sergey Kapinos**,

Ambassador, Head of the Yerevan office of the of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

- H. E. Mr. **Hans-Jochen Schmidt**,

Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Armenia

- Mr. **Karen Andreasyan**,

Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia

Session 1*

Chaired by Mr. **Gianni Buquicchio**, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) of the Council of Europe

10.00 – 11.30 - Presentations

- Mr. **Evgueni Tanchev**, President of the Constitutional Court of Bulgaria,
Member of the Venice Commission

“Fundamental European criteria on the role and consequences of the Constitutional Court decision” (English)

- Mr. **Gagik Harutyunyan**, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia, Member of the Venice Commission

“Legal positions of the Constitutional Court as a source of case-law” (Armenian)

- Mr. **George Papuashvili**, President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia,
Member of the Venice Commission

“The role of the Constitutional Court of Georgia in the development of the State's Constitutional Order” (English)

- Mr. **Luis Lopez Guera**, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

“Latent and manifest functions of Constitutional Courts”

- Key discussions

11.30 – 12.00 - Coffee break

Session 2

12.00 – 13.30 – Continuation of presentations

- Mr. **Anatoly Holovin**, President of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine

“Legal character and legal effect of acts of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine” (Russian)

- Mrs. **Toma Birmontiene**, Justice of the Constitutional Court of Lithuania

“The significance of constitutional review for the development of law” (English)

- Mr. **Engin Yildirim**, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Turkey

“Social rights and Turkish Constitutional Court” (English)

- Mr. **Karim Karimov**, Judge- Secretary of the Constitutional Court of Tajikistan

* 15 minutes is provided for the presentations and up to 5 minutes for the statements.

“The role of the Constitutional Court of Tajikistan in strengthening the foundations of constitutional order” (Russian)

- Key discussions

13.30 – 13.45 - Photographing of the participants of the Conference

13.45 – 15.30 – Lunch

Session 3

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

15.30 – 17.30 - Presentations

- Mrs. **Alvina Gyulumyan**, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

“The problems of ensuring the economic, social and cultural rights protection in the jurisprudence of the European Court” (Russian)

- Mr. **Gunars Kutris**, President of the Constitutional Court of Latvia

“Legal consequences of Constitutional Court decision in strengthening the state's constitutional order: Latvian experience” (Russian)

- Mrs. **Anar Nuralykyzy Zhailganova**, Member of the Constitutional Council of Kazakhstan

“The role of the Constitutional Council in strengthening constitutional legality in the Republic of Kazakhstan” (Russian)

- Mr. **Victor Pushkash**, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Moldova

“Strengthening constitutionalism – imperative of the time (experience of the Constitutional Court of Moldova)” (Russian)

- Mr. **Georges Santer**, Counselor of the Constitutional Court of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

“Observations on influence of the Constitutional Court decision of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on the internal law in the framework of the established constitutional order” (French)

- Key discussions

20.00 - Reception of the Conference participants on behalf of the RA Constitutional Court

October 07
(Friday)

08.00 - Breakfast
09.00 - Trip to Jermuk town
10.30 - Visit to Khor Virap
11.15 - Trip to Noravank
13.00 - Visit to Noravank
13.30 - Return to Jermuk town
15.00 - Lunch
16.00 - 17.00 - Cultural program
18.00 - Continuation of the Conference (Session 4)

Session 4

Chaired by Ms. **Alvina Gyulumyan**, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

18.00 – 19.30 - Presentations

- Mr. **Konstantin Aranovsky**, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Russian Federation

“Establishment of constitutionalism and constitutional justice in the countries of Continental legal tradition” (Russian)

- Mr. **Otto Luchterhandt**, Professor of the Hamburg University

“The significance of the decisions of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany for German law” (Russian)

- Mr. **Woyciech Hermelinski**, Judge of the Constitutional Tribunal of Poland

“Jurisprudence of the Polish Constitutional Tribunal in the scope of strengthening the independence of judiciary” (Russian)

- Mr. **Sergey Chigrinov**, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Belarus

“Decisions of the Constitutional Court in the legal system for the Republic of Belarus” (Russian)

- Mr. **Matthias Hartwig**, Doctor at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (Germany)

“Legal consequences of the Constitutional Court decisions in the strengthening constitutionality in the country” (Russian)

- Key discussions

- Summary of the results of the Conference (by chairpersons)

20.00

- Dinner

October 08

(Saturday)

08.00

- Breakfast

09.00

- Trip to Tatev, cultural program

21.00

- Return to Yerevan

October 08 - 09

(Saturday - Sunday)

Departure of the guests from “Zvartnots” Airport of the city of Yerevan (in accordance with the flights)

Official languages of the conference – Armenian, English, French and Russian

The presentations will be published by the organizers in the four-language “Almanac – 2011”