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**P R O G R A M M E**

**O F**

**XIX YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**TOPIC**

**“THE CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS OF HUMAN DIGNITY”**

**Y E R E V A N**

October 23-25, 2014

## **October 22-23**

Welcoming of the participants of the XIX Yerevan International Conference at “Zvartnots” International Airport of the City of Yerevan (according to the timetable of the arrivals)

Transportation of the guests and accommodation at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

## **October 23**

*(Thursday)*

13.30 – Lunch at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

15.00 – 18.00 – Cultural Programme: Visits to the Mesrop Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts (the Matenadaran) and the Cafesjian Center for the Arts

19.00 – Reception/welcoming of the Participants of the Conference at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

## **October 24**

*(Friday)*

08.00 – 09.00 – Breakfast at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

09.30 – Registration of the participants of the Conference at the lobby of “Ani Hall” of “Ani Plaza” Hotel

10.00 – Official opening of the activities of the Conference at “Ani Hall”

### ***Opening Speeches***

**Dr. Gagik Harutyunyan** – President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

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

### ***Welcoming speeches***

Welcoming Address of **Mr. Serzh Sargsyan** – President of the Republic of Armenia

Greeting Speech of **Mr. Karen Andreasyan** – Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia

### **Session 1<sup>1</sup>**

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

10.30 – 11.30 – Thematic Reports

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<sup>1</sup> Up to 15 minutes are provided for the reports and up to 5 minutes for making statements

**Ms. Zdravka Kalaydjieva** - Judge of the European Court of Human Rights  
*Topic:* "The Doctrinal Approaches of the European Court of Human Rights to Human Dignity as an Underlying Value of the European Convention"  
*Language of the Report: English*

**Mr. Andrzej Rzeplinski** – President of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic of Poland  
*Topic:* “Dignity of a Human Being and Dignity of a Person”  
*Language of the Report: English*

**Mr. Nikolay Bondar** – Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation  
*Topic:* “Human Dignity in the Axiological System of Constitutional Justice”  
*Language of the Report: Russian*

Discussion of the Reports

11.30 – 12.00 – Coffee Break

***Official Collective Photographing of the Participants of the Conference***

**Session 2**

Chaired by **Mr. Alexandru Tenase** – President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova

12.00 – 13.30 – Thematic Reports

**Mr. Manfred Baldus** - Professor of Public Law and Modern History of Law at the University of Erfurt, Member of the Thuringian Constitutional Court of the Federal Republic of Germany  
*Topic:* “The Norm concerning Human Dignity in the Basic Law of German. Development since 1949”  
*Language of the Report: German*

**Mr. Aldis Laviņš** – President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Latvia  
*Topic:* “The Constitutional Status of Human Dignity: Case-Law of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Latvia”  
*Language of the Report: Russian*

**Mr. Salim Joubran** – Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Israel  
*Topic:* “The Constitutional Status of Human Dignity in Israel”  
*Language of the Report: English*

**Ms. Maria Lucia Amaral** – Vice President of the Constitutional Court of the Portuguese Republic  
*Topic:* “The Topic of Human Dignity in the Jurisprudence of the Portuguese Constitutional Court”  
*Language of the Report: English*

Discussion of the Reports

13.30 – 15.00 – Lunch Break at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

**Session 3**

Chaired by **Mr. Aldis Laviņš** – President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Latvia

15.00 – 17.00 – Thematic Reports

**Mr. Gediminas Mesonis** – Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania

*Topic: “The Constitutional Status of Human Dignity: Lithuania Case”*

*Language of the Report: Russian*

**Ms. Nelly Araqelyan** – Chief Specialist at the Legal-Advisory Department of the Staff of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

*Topic: “Constitutional Status of Human Dignity and its Reflection in the Framework of Constitutional Justice”*

*Language of the Report: English*

**Ms. Liliya Kozyreva** – Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Belarus

*Topic: “The Constitutional Right of Human Dignity and the Legal Positions of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Belarus”*

*Language of the Report: Russian*

**Ms. Sunhugh Kim** – Constitutional Research Officer of the Republic of Korea  
Constitutional Court

**Mr. Geonseok Lee** – Constitutional Research Officer of the Republic of Korea  
Constitutional Court

*Topic: “How Non-Enumerated Rights are Derived from the Human Dignity Clause (Article 10) in the Korean Constitution”*

*Language of the Report: English*

Discussion of the Reports

17.00 – 18.30 – Free Time

19.00 – Reception for the Participants of the Conference at “Tsirani” Restaurant Complex on the behalf of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

**October 25**

*(Saturday)*

08.00 – 09.00 – Breakfast at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

**Session 4**

Chaired by **Mr. Andrzej Rzeplinski** – President of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic of Poland

09.30 – 11.00 – Thematic Reports

**Mr. Zlatko Knezevic** – Judge of the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina  
*Topic:* “The Right to Freedom of Opinion under Article 10 of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights – Independence of Public Broadcasters’ System”  
*Language of the Report: English*

**Mr. Engin Yıldırım** – Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Turkey  
*Topic:* “Human Dignity Jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Turkey”  
*Language of the Report: English*

**Mr. Tomislav B. Stojkovic** – Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Serbia  
*Topic:* “The Constitutional Status of Human Dignity – Experiences of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Serbia”  
*Language of the Report: Russian*

**Mr. Karim Karimov** – Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Tajikistan  
*Topic:* “Constitutional Justice and Protection of Human Honor and Dignity of Person and Citizen (on the Example of Tajikistan)”  
*Language of the Report: Russian*

Discussion of the Reports

11.00 – 11.30 – Coffee Break

### Session 5

Chaired by **Dr. Gagik Harutyunyan** – President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

11.30 – 13.30 – Thematic Reports

**Mrs. Trees Merckx-Van Goey** – Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Belgium  
*Topic:* “The Right to Human Dignity in the Belgian Constitution: the Scope of Article 23 of the Constitution and its Application by the Constitutional Court”  
*Language of the Report: English*

**Mr. Alexandru Tenase** – President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova  
*Topic:* “The Constitutional Status of Human Dignity in the Case-Law of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova”  
*Language of the Report: English*

**Mr. Victor Malinovskij** – Judge of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan

*Topic: “Human Dignity as a Constitutional Value in the Republic of Kazakhstan”*

*Language of the Report: Russian*

**Mr. Roumen Nenkov** – Justice at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Bulgaria

*Topic: “Access to Independent Court – Safeguard for the Protection of Human Dignity as a Constitutional Value (Bulgaria’s Experience)”*

*Language of the Report: English*

#### Discussion of the Reports

13.00 – 13.30 – Summarizing the activities of the Conference

**– Summarizing the replies of participants of the conference to the questionnaire (shared beforehand) and adoption of “decision” of virtual constitutional court**

13.30 – 15.00 – Lunch Break at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

17.00 – Visit to the Yerevan Brandy Factory / Degustation of Armenian Brandy

19.00 – Official Dinner at “Yans” Music Hall and Restaurant

#### **October 26**

*(Sunday)*

08.00 – 09.00 – Breakfast at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

11.00 – 13.00 – Cultural Programme: Visits to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin and the Zvartnots Cathedral Complex

13.00 – 14.00 – Lunch at “Ani Plaza” Hotel

19.00 – Dinner

Departure of the guests from “Zvartnots” International Airport of the City of Yerevan (transportations to the Airport would be provided in accordance with the timetable of departures)

The official languages of the conference are Armenian, English, and Russian. The simultaneous interpretation will be provided in all official languages of the Conference.

*All presentations and the other related materials of the Conference will be published by the Organizers in the four-lingual “Almanac – 2014”*