NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW (VENICE COMMISSION OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE) CONFERENCE OF ORGANS OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONTROL OF THE COUNTRIES OF YOUNG DEMOCRACY WITH PARTICIPATION OF "INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW"

DRAFT PROGRAMME

of the XIV Yerevan International Conference

on

"INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE OF INTERACTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS AND PARLIAMENTS IN GUARANTEEING THE SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION"

Yerevan (1 -3 October, 2009)

Meeting the participants at Yerevan "Zvartnots" International Airport (in accordance with time of arrival)

Transportation of the guests to "Ani Plaza" hotel

01 October

(Thursday)

11.00 - 13.00 - Cultural programme (visiting to Matenadaran, National Gallery)

13.00 - 14.30 - Dinner at Ani Plaza hotel

14.30 - 19.00 - Visiting to the Mother See of Holy Echmiadzin, Temple "Zvartnotz"

19.00 - 20.00 - Free time

20.00 – Reception – meeting of the participants of the Conference at "AniPlaza" hotel

02 October

(Friday)

- 08.15 Departure of participants of the Conference to the National Assembly of the RA
- 08.30 09.00 Registration of the participants of the Conference
- 09.00 09.30 Opening of Yerevan XIV International Conference in session hall of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

Opening Speech

Mr. H. Abrahamyan

- Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

Mr. G. Harutyunyan

- President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

Mr. G. Buquicchio

- Secretary General of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

Session 1¹

"Guaranteeing of supremacy of the Constitution as a principal safeguard for the constitutional stability in the rule of law state"

Chaired by Gianni Buquicchio - Secretary General of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

09.30-11.00 - *Presentations*

Questions and discussion

11.00-11.30 - Coffee break

11.30-13.30 - Continuation of the presentations

Questions and discussion

13.30 - 13.45 - Taking photo of the participants of the Conference in front of the entrance to the building of the RA National Assembly

13.45-15.00 - Lunch break

Session 2

"Parliamentary guarantees for exercising efficient constitutional control"

Chaired by Mr. -----

15.00-16.30 - *Presentations*

Questions and discussion

16.30-17.00 - Coffee break

17.00-18.30 - Continuation of the presentations

Ouestions and discussion

18.30 - 20.00 – Free time

- 18.30 -19.30 Discussion of the draft statute of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice with participation of the representatives of the Conference of organs of constitutional control of the countries of young democracy
- 20.00 Official reception on behalf of the President of the Republic of Armenia, Greeting speech of President of the Republic of Armenia Mr. Serge Sargsyan, addressed to Conference participants

¹ 15 minutes is envisaged for the presentation of the reports, and up to 5 minutes - for statements.

03 October

(Saturday)

08.30 - Departure of participants of the Conference to the National Assembly of the RA

Session 3

"Legal positions of the Constitutional Court as a source of law, their role in overcoming the law lacuna

Chaired by Mr.----

09.00 - 10.30 - *Presentations*

Questions and discussion

10.30 - 11.00 - Coffee break

11.00 - 13.00 – Continuation of the presentations

Questions and discussion

13.00 - 14.30 - Lunch break

Session 4

"European actual tendencies for development of functional relationship between Parliaments and Constitutional Courts"

Chaired by Mr. -----

14.30 - 16.30 - *Presentations*

Questions and discussion

16.30 – 17.00 – Summary of the results of the discussions by the chairpersons

17.00 - 20.00 -Free time

20.00 – Reception in the honor of Mr. Gianni Buquicchio, Secretary General of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

04 October

(Sunday)

08.00 - 09.00 - Breakfast

09.00 - 18.00 - Cultural programme

Seeing off participants of the Conference to Yerevan "Zvartnots" International Airport (in accordance with time of departure)

Official languages of the Conference

Armenian, English, French and Russian