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21st meeting of the Joint Council on Constitutional Justice

and

High-level conference on “Respect for the judgments of the Constitutional Courts”

Yerevan, Armenia

14-15 November 2024

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Strasbourg, 13 September 2024

Dear Liaison Officer,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the **21st meeting of the Joint Council on Constitutional Justice** of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), which this year will be hosted by the Constitutional Court of Armenia. This meeting will take place in Yerevan, Armenia, **on Friday 15 November 2024** in the afternoon at Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan (address: 1 Amiryan st, Yerevan 0010, Armenia). During the 21st JCCJ meeting, we will discuss the new CODICES database, the e-Bulletin on Constitutional Case-Law, the Venice Forum, cooperation activities, the World Conference on Constitutional Justice (WCCJ), seminars, conferences with Constitutional Courts and other related issues. The detailed programme will be available shortly.

The JCCJ meeting will be preceded, **on Thursday, 14 November and in the morning of Friday 15 November 2024**, by an **international high-level conference on the topic “Respect for the Judgments of Constitutional Courts”**, co-organised by the Venice Commission with the Constitutional Court of Armenia and the Department for Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation Standards of the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe. You are kindly invited to participate also in this conference, which will gather constitutional judges, members of the Venice Commission, and civil society representatives, in addition to liaison officers of constitutional courts, and will be open to the public; the conference aims to underscore the paramount importance of constitutional courts' decisions in safeguarding the rule of law and human rights across national and international jurisdictions.

Your travel and accommodation will have to be covered by your court; the organisers offer lunches and coffee breaks on 14 and 15 November 2024, and the Constitutional Court of Armenia kindly offers dinners on 14 and 15 November. The programme of this event will be communicated soon. Simultaneous interpretation of the meeting into English and French will be provided.

I would be grateful if you could let us know by 28 September 2024, whether you are able to attend both these events by registering in the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/mqjqtNB8uw>

Please find attached for your information the list of recommended hotels in Yerevan; we recommend that you make your hotel reservation as soon as possible.

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I am looking forward to meeting you in Yerevan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Simona Granata-Menghini', with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Simona Granata-Menghini
Director, Secretary of the Venice Commission

Encl. List of hotels