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Round Table "Developments in Legislation on Noncommercial Organisations. International Experience"

Co-organised by the Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations of the Council of Europe and the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation

> Moscow, 31 October 2013 Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation (7/1, Miusskaya square)

PROGRAMME

- 10. 30 Registration, coffee
- 11.00 Opening

Alexander Sokolov, Head of the Inter-Commission Working Group on International Cooperation and Public Diplomacy, CCRF

Jean-Marie Heydt, President of Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe Eladio Fernandez-Galiano, Head of Democratic Initiatives Department, Directorate General of Democracy of the Council of Europe Mikhail Fedotov, Chairman of the Presidential Council for Civil Society Development

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- Presentation of the main findings of the Opinion of the Expert Council on NGO Law on the "Law Introducing Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation Regarding the Regulation of Activities of Non-Commercial Organisations Performing the Function of Foreign Agents"
 Dragan Golubovic, member of the Expert Council on NGO Law of the Conference of INGOs
- 12.00 Panel discussion with the participation of the audience on the current challenges in NGO legislation in Russian Federation:
 - Implementation of NGO legislation *Tatyana Vaghina*, Deputy Director of the NGO Department of the Ministry of Justice;
 - Results of the Prosecutor's inspections of NGOs Vasily Romanets, ICNL Moscow Office Senior Lawyer;
 - (3) Inspections of NGOs and the protection of private life *Olena Petsun*, Advisor in the Office of the Human Rights Commissioner of the Council of Europe;
 - (4) Political activities of NGOs *Maria Pomazkova*, Expert Council on NGO Law of the Conference of INGOs;

- (5) Impact of the inspections on NGOs **Elena Zhemkova**, Executive Director of International Association "Memorial";
- (6) Possible Changes to NGO Legislation *Elena Abrosimova*, Moscow University Associate Professor, Doctor in Law.

Recent developments in standards, mechanisms and case law of the European Court of Human Rights which are of relevance to NGO legislation – *Cyril Ritchie*, President of the Expert Council on NGO Law

Moderators:

Alexander Sokolov, Member of the Council of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, Head of the Inter-Commission Working Group on International Cooperation and Public Diplomacy

Annelise Oeschger, Chair of the Human Rights Committee of the Conference of INGOs

14.30 Conclusions

<u>Speakers:</u> Daria Miloslavskaya, Member of the Civic Chamber of Russian Federation Cyril Ritchie, President of the Expert Council on NGO Law of the Conference of INGOs

15.00 End of the Round Table