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AGENDA Amicus Curiae: an Effective Guidance Tool on Human Rights Issues to National Judicial Institutions

Conference

Hotel Radisson Blu Iveria

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Time	Subject
09.30 – 10.00	Registration of participants/ Welcoming coffee
10.00 – 10.20	Welcoming speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Mikhail Lobov, Head of Human Rights Policy and Co-operation Department, Council of Europe• Mr. Cristian Urse, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Georgia• Mr. Ucha Nanuashvili, Public Defender of Georgia
10.20-12.00	Opening Session Moderator: Mr. Mikhail Lobov , Head of Human Rights Policy and Co-operation Department, Council of Europe
	Keynote speakers: Third Party interventions before the European Court of Human Rights Ms. Nona Tsotsoria , ECtHR Judge in respect of Georgia The use of Amicus Curiae tool by Public Defender's Office challenges, experiences Mr. Ucha Nanuashvili , Public Defender of Georgia Amicus Curiae in practice of Common courts challenges, experiences Ms. Nino Gvenetadze , Chairwoman of Supreme Court of Georgia Amicus Curiae in practice of Constitutional Court challenges and experiences Ms. Lali Papiashvili , Judge of the Constitutional Court of Georgia The use of Amicus Curiae tool legislative gaps Mr. Gedevan Popkhadze , First Deputy of Chairman of the Committee of Human Rights and Civil Integration, Parliament of Georgia (tbc)

	Discussions
12.00-13.15	Lunch Break
	Session I
13:15-15.00	<p>Quality of justice - obligation of the courts to reflect/deal with submitted amicus briefs in the final judgments</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Giorgi Giorgadze, Senior Project officer, Council of Europe</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Ms. Natalia Vîlcu-Bajurean, Senior Adviser of the Research and Analysis Division of the Legal Directorate of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Ms. Nana Mchedlidze, Council of Europe consultant</p> <p>Mr. Aleksandre Iashvili, Judge, Tbilisi City Court</p> <p>Mr. Vakhushti Menabde, Associate Professor of Law School of Ilia State University Public Law Branch</p> <p>Discussions</p>
15.00-15.30	Coffee Break
	Session II
15.30-16.15	<p>PDO's role in providing guidance on human rights issues to national judicial institutions; Necessary legislative amendments</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Mahir Mushteidzada, Project Manager, Council of Europe</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Ms. Zuzanna Rudzinska-Bluszczthe -Head of Department of litigations of the Ombudsman, Poland</p> <p>Ms. Natia Katsitadze, Deputy of Ombudsperson</p> <p>Mr. Giorgi Burjanadze, Open Society Georgia Foundation, Human Rights Program Manager</p>

	Discussions
16.15-16.40	Presentation of conclusions Session I - Mr. Giorgi Giorgadze , Senior Project officer, Council of Europe Session II - Mr. Mahir Mushteidzada , Project Manager, Council of Europe
16.40-17.00	Closing remarks Mr. Mikhail Lobov , Head of Human Rights Policy and Co-operation Department Ms. Natia Katsitadze , Deputy of Ombudsperson