

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday

SOLEMN PLENARY SESSION

Mr Philippe BOILLAT, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Mr Carlo NATALE, Deputy Head, European Union Delegation to Georgia

Mr Giorgi PAPUASHVILI, President of the Constitutional Court

Ms Mzia TODUA, Deputy Chief Justice

Mr Irakli SHOTADZE, Chief Prosecutor

Ms Eka BESELIA, Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee of the Parliament

KEYNOTE SPEECH

European Convention on Human Rights – binding treaty for the Council of Europe member states and recent developments in respect of Georgia

Keynote speaker will underline the binding nature of the European Convention on Human Rights for Georgia and will analyse the recent developments at the ECtHR that affect Georgia.

SESSION I

Impact of the ECtHR on the life of ordinary citizens and responsibility of state actors to implement the ECHR

The panel discussion will address the issue of the shared responsibility between the state actors to implement the ECHR. Speakers will highlight the role of national legislative authorities in bringing the domestic legislation in line with European standards, in applying the ECHR by judicial organs at the national level and in ensuring the full enjoyment of human rights enshrined in the ECHR by everyone within its jurisdiction.

SESSION II

Committee of Ministers overseeing the execution of the ECtHR judgments and Georgia's obligation to execute ECtHR judgments/reopen cases

Key speakers will generate a discussion on the role of state actors in executing ECtHR judgments. Besides highlighting the role of the Committee of Ministers overseeing the execution of the ECtHR judgments, speakers will underline the importance of providing adequate redress to the victims of human rights violations. Speakers will address the legislative changes that ensure the reopening of cases as a result of ECtHR judgment and speak about the practice of execution of judgments in Georgia.

The Parliament's role in monitoring the execution of ECtHR judgments will be highlighted under this session. Speaker will bring examples for the parliamentary supervision over the implementation of the ECtHR judgments and talk about the role of the Georgian parliament in monitoring the execution of the Strasbourg Court judgments.

At the end of the Session II, participants will be invited to an official reception.

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SESSION III

Shared responsibility of non-state actors to implement the European Convention on Human Rights

Speakers from the Georgian Bar Association, Ombudsperson's Office and civil society will be engaged in the last panel. They will generate a discussion on the shared responsibility of non-state actors over the implementation of the ECHR. Lawyers will discuss their primary role to effectively protect human rights, while NGOs will talk about their involvement in this process as watchdog organisations.

By the end of this session, a CoE consultant will make an overview of the national courts' practice of applying the ECHR and the case law of the ECtHR at the national level.

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