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## **PROGRAMME**

# **CONFERENCE OF PROSECUTORS GENERAL OF EUROPE**

The role of public prosecution in the protection of human rights and public interests outside the criminal law field

organised by the Council of Europe and the Prosecutor General's Office of the Russian Federation

Saint Petersburg, 1-3 July 2008

Konstantinovsky Palace

## Tuesday, 1 July 2008

12:00 – 19:30 Registration of participants (hall of the Hotel "Baltiyskaya Zvezda" ("Baltic Star")

20:30 Dinner and concert, hosted by the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation for all participants of the Conference and accompanying persons (ground floor hall and ground terrace, Konstantinovsky Palace)

## Wednesday, 2 July 2008

8:00 Registration of the participants (continuation, hall of the Hotel "Baltiyskaya Zvezda")

9:00 Opening session

Chair. Mr Yuri Chayka, Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation

Opening addresses by:

- **Mr Dmitryi Medvedev**, President of the Russian Federation (delivered by Mr Ilya Klebanov, Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Northwest Federal District)
- the Right Honourable Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

9:30 Morning session: "The activities of the prosecution services for the protection of human rights and public interests"
(Blue Hall, Konstantinovsky Palace)

Rapporteur: Mr Yuri Chayka, Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation "The role of the prosecution services in the protection of human rights and public interests, in particular outside the criminal law field"

# Speakers:

- **Mr Thomas Hammarberg**, the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights "The prosecutor: a pillar for democratic society"
- Ms Brigitte Zypries, Federal Minister of Justice of Germany, "Protection of human rights and prosecution services in Germany"
- **Ms Tetiana Korniakova**, Deputy Prosecutor General (Ukraine), "Protection of individual interests of children, elderly people, disabled people, victims and other vulnerable groups, conducted by the prosecution services"
- **Mr Jean-Jacques Zirnhelt**, President of the Council of General Prosecutors of the French Republic, "Activity of the prosecution services of human rights and public interests in the European countries of the continental law system"

#### **10.30** Coffee break (terrace)

11:00 - Mr Dobroslav Trnka, Prosecutor General (Slovak Republic), "The evolution of the functions of the prosecution service of Slovak Republic in the protection of human rights and public interests"

- Mr Peter Polt, Prosecutor (Hungary), "The relation between the activity of the prosecution in protection of human rights in and outside of the criminal law field"
- **Mr Agvhan Hovsepian,** Prosecutor General (Armenia), Co-Chairman of the Coordinating Council of the Prosecutors General of the Member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States, "Issues of protection of human rights and public interests in the work of the Coordinating Council of the Prosecutors General of the Member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States"
- **Mr Petros Clerides**, Attorney General (Cyprus), "Activity of the prosecution services in protection of human rights and public interests in the European countries of the common law system"

#### Discussion

# **12:00-13:30** Lunch:

- for the Heads of delegations hosted by **the Right Hon Terry Davis**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, (Hall "Severnaya Venezia", hotel "Baltiyskaya Zvezda")
- for other participants Hall "Russkyi Versal", hotel "Baltiyskaya Zvezda"
- 13:45 Afternoon session: "General directions and forms of the activity of the prosecution services outside criminal law field"
  (Blue Hall, Konstantinovsky Palace)

Chair. Mr Harald Range, Chairman of the Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE), Prosecutor General, Cell (Germany)

Rapporteur: **Prof. András Sz. Varga,** Prosecutor (Hungary), Expert of the CCPE, "Overview of the answers of the Member States of the Council of Europe to the Consultative Council of European Prosecutors Questionnaire"

## Speakers:

- **Mr Egbert Myjer**, Judge at the European Court of Human Right, "The role of public prosecutors outside the criminal law field European standards from the perspective of the European Court of Human Rights"
- **Ms Hanna Suchocka**, Ambassador of Poland to the Holy See, Vice-President of the Venice Commission, "The role of the prosecutor services as regards non-criminal matters in different legal systems: different legal traditions and practices to defend common standards and goals the constitutional perspective"
- **Mr James Hamilton**, Director of Public Prosecutions (Ireland), "The Role of Public Prosecutors outside the Criminal Law field a Common Law perspective"
- **Mr Claude Nicati**, Deputy Prosecutor General (Switzerland), "Supervision by the prosecution services over the activity of police and other law-enforcement agencies"
- Mr Cedric Visart de Bocarme, Prosecutor General of Liege (Belgium), "The role of prosecution services in the supervision of the functioning of courts"

#### **16:00** Coffee break (terrace)

#### 16:30 Discussion

## **17:30** End of the first day of the Conference

**19:00-22:30** Excursion aboard a boat along the Neva river (including dinner; boarding on the quay of Konstantinovsky Palace)

# Thursday, July 3 2008

9:00 – 12:00 Morning session: "General directions and forms of the activity of the prosecution services outside criminal law system" (continuation)

Chair. Mr Yuri Chayka, Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation

# Speakers:

- **Mr Joao Manuel Da Silva Miguel**, Deputy Prosecutor General (Portugal), "Protection of human rights and public interests conducted by the prosecution services outside criminal law system, especially in the field of environment protection, labour law, health protection, consumer's rights"
- **Mr Harald Range,** Chairman of the Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE), Prosecutor General, Cell (Germany), "The role of public prosecution in protection of public and state interests in court and other agencies"
- **Mr Janis Maizitis**, Prosecutor General (Latvia), "Supervision of the prosecution services on lawfulness of holding persons in custody and execution of criminal sentences"

#### Discussion

10:15	Coffee break	(terrace)
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11:00 Closing remarks and conclusions of the Conference

- Mr Philippe Boillat, Director General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe
- Mr Yuri Chayka, Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation

11:45	End of the Conference
11:45-12:15	Press-conference (Troyanski Hall, Konstantinovsky Palace)
12:15-12:30	Group photo (in front of the Palace, beside the monument of Peter the Great)
12:30-14:00	An informal meeting of the CCPE working group (CCPE-GT) with a view to draw the direct implications of the conclusions of the conference for the CCPE work programme.
14:00-15:30	Lunch (the Hotel "Baltiyskaya Zvezda")
15:30-18:30	Tour of St Petersburg and Peterhof (separately)
19:00-22:00	Dinner (Petrovsky Island, Konstantinovsky Palace)

# Friday, July 4 2008