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Respect for court decisions in Russia: Round Table at the Council of Europe

Strasbourg, 31.10.2006 - On 30 and 31 October a high level Round Table between representatives of the Council of Europe and the Russian Federation was held to discuss solutions to the structural problem of non-enforcement of domestic court decisions against the State and its entities in the Russian Federation.

The Round Table was jointly organised by the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) and the Department for the execution of the European Court's judgments of the Council of Europe. The Russian Federation was notably represented by the President of the Supreme Economic Court, the Vice-President of the Supreme Court, the Director of the Federal Bailiffs' Service, the Russian Representative to the European Court of Human Rights, senior officials of the Presidential Administration, the Ministries of Finance and Health, the Federal Treasury and Prokuratura.

The thorough and constructive discussions have identified the main outstanding problems and led to a number of commonly agreed proposals for further reforms to ensure the State's effective compliance with judicial decisions.

Conclusions adopted at the Round Table

The problem of non-enforcement of domestic court decisions in the Russian Federation has been highlighted by numerous judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, which impose a legal obligation to grant redress to the applicants and to prevent new similar violations in the future.

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