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THE ROLE AND INDEPENDENCE OF LAWYERS: COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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the Azerbaijani Bar Association

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The Conference aims to bring together perspectives on the governance and role of the legal profession by international experts and representatives of bar associations from a wide range of countries. The interventions will provide a comparative view on the conditions and requirements that lawyers should comply with while carrying out their professional duty of protection of human rights of their clients. Participants of the Conference will address in particular the organization and governance of the legal profession, lawyers' ethics and qualification of lawyers. Special attention will be given to the role of training for lawyers in shaping an independent legal profession and the manifold resources offered by the Council of Europe and the International Commission of Jurists to that effect.

PROGRAMME

15 November 2018

09.00-09.15 Registration of the participants

Moderator: *Mr Anar Bagirov, Chairman of the Azerbaijani Bar Association*

09.15-10.00 Opening remarks:

Mr Azar Jafarov, LL.D, Deputy Minister of Justice of Azerbaijan, member of Judicial Legal Council

Mr Anar Baghirov, Chairman of the Azerbaijani Bar Association

Mr Christophe Poirel, Director of Human Rights, Council of Europe

Mr Sam Zarifi, Secretary General of the International Commission of Jurists

Mr Kestutis Jankauskas, Head of EU Delegation to the Republic of Azerbaijan

Session I. UPHOLDING LAWYERS' STATUS AND ROLE: THE WAYS OF ORGANISING THE LEGAL PROFESSION

Moderator: *Mr Sam Zarifi, Secretary General of the International Commission of Jurists*

10.05-10.20 Keynote speech: Ensuring independence through the organisation of the legal profession: Mr Anar Baghirov – Chairman of the Azerbaijani Bar Association

10.20-10.45 Coffee break

10.45-11.00 International Standards on the independence of lawyers: institutional aspects: Ms Róisín Pillay - Director of the Europe Regional Programme, International Commission of Jurists

11.00-11.15 Ensuring independence through the organisation of the legal profession – international standards: Mr Ranko Polcaric – Deputy President of CCBE

Country Experiences

11.15-11.30	Belarus: Mr Viktor Chaichits – Chairman of Belarusian Republican Bar Association
11.30-11.45	Georgia: Mr David Asatiani - Chairman of the Georgian Bar Association
11.45-12.00	Russian Federation: Mr Yuriy Pilipenko - President of Russian Chamber of Bar Associations
12.00-12.15	Turkey: Mr Metin Feyzioglu - President of Union of Turkish Bar Associations
12.15-12.30	The Netherlands: Mr Jeroen Brouwer – ex-President of the Dutch Bar Association, President of the Ethics Commission of the Dutch Bar Association
12.30-12.55	Questions and discussions
12.55-13.00	Group photo
13.00-14.00	Lunch break

SESSION II. LAWYERS' ETHICS: DUTIES, FREEDOMS AND CONSTRAINTS

Moderator: ***Mr Mikhail Lobov, Head of Department, Council of Europe***

14.00-14.20	Keynote speech: Lawyers Professional Conduct: the rights and duties of lawyers- Mr Genri Reznik - Deputy President of Russian Chamber of Bar Associations
14.20-14.35	International Standards on Lawyer's Ethics – Mr Temur Shakirov, Senior Legal Adviser, International Commission of Jurists
14:35-14.50	Comparative perspective: challenges to creating an environment for lawyers to be able to exercise their professional and ethical duties – international standards: Mr Stefano Sensi - Office of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers
14.50-15.20	Coffee break

Country Experiences

15.20-15.35	Azerbaijan: Ms Ilhama Hasanova – Deputy Chairman of Lawyers Disciplinary Commission of the Azerbaijani Bar Association
15.35-15.50	France: Mr Jean-Emmanuel Medina - Member of Strasbourg Bar Association

15.50-16.05	Ukraine: Mr Alexandr Drozdov - Head of Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of the Ukrainian National Bar Association
16.05-16.20	The Netherlands: Mr Jeroen Brouwer - President of the Ethics Commission of the Dutch Bar Association
16.20-17.15	Discussions/Closing remarks

16 November 2018

Session III ACCESS TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION: EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES

Moderator: *Gulnora Ishankhanova, Commissioner of the International Commission of Jurists*

09.30-09.50 Keynote speech: Access to the legal profession: international aspects and country experience, Mr Simon O'Toole – Lawyer, Governing Bencher of Inner Temple, United Kingdom

Country Experiences

09.50-10.05	Azerbaijan: Ms Lala Naghiyeva – Member of Presidium of the Azerbaijan Bar Association
10.05-10.20	Ukraine: Mr Maksim Boldin – Chairman of the Audit Committee at National Associations of Ukrainian Lawyers
10.20-10.50	Coffee break
10.50-11.05	Uzbekistan: Ms Gulnora Ishankhanova - Ex-Chair of the Tashkent Bar Association, ICJ Commissioner from Uzbekistan
11.05-11.20	Georgia: Mr Irakli Kandashvili - Member of Executive Board of the Georgian Bar Association
11.20-11.35	Russian Federation: Mr Vakhtang Federov- Counsellor to the President of Russian Chamber of Bar Associations
11.35-11.50	Kazakhstan: Ms Elena Dvoretzkaya – lawyer at Almaty Bar Association
11.50-12.05	Switzerland: Mr Marc Joory – Lawyer, Geneve and New-York Bars
12.05-13.00	Discussions
13.00-14.00	Lunch break

Moderator: *Mr Simon O'Toole, Former member of the Council of Europe HELP Programme Consultative Board, UK Barrister*

14.00-14.20 Keynote speech: Expanding limits of professional training – the concept of professional legal training, Mr Viktor Kamenkov – Professor at Belarussian State University

Country Experiences

14.20-14.35 Azerbaijan: Organisation of a professional training for legal professionals
Mr Elchin Khalafov - Acting Rector of Academy of Justice of Azerbaijan

14.35-14.50 Ukraine: Ms Elena Sibileva – Head of Committee on Improvement of Lawyers Qualification under National Associations of Ukrainian Lawyers

14.50-15.10 Coffee break

15.10-15.25 Azerbaijan: Council of Europe HELP Program as a toolkit for professional training: Mr Farhad Najafov – Head of Administration of the Azerbaijani Bar Association, HELP Info Point for Azerbaijan

15.25-15.40 Russian Federation: The need for training of lawyers in the context of global digitalization, Ms Suriya Rzaeva - HELP certified trainer, Advocate of Federal Chamber of Advocates of Russian Federation, Stavropol Regional Chamber of Advocates

15.40-16.00 Closing remarks

Mr Anar Bagirov, Chairman of the Azerbaijani Bar Association
Mr Sam Zarifi, ICJ Secretary General
Mr Zoltan Hernyes, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Baku