



Batumi, May 11, 2015

Dear Mr. President,

In my capacity as the organizer of the XVIIth Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts, I am delighted to extend an official invitation for the Circle of Presidents (Preparatory Meeting) in Batumi (**Decision VIII of September 10, 2012 in Vienna**).

Further to our letter of September 22, 2014 the Circle of Presidents will be held **on September 9-12, 2015 in Batumi, Georgia**. The Circle of Presidents will start with a reception **on September 9, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. and end on September 11, 2015 at about 9.00 p.m.** The preparatory meeting itself will be held **on September 10, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 12.00 p.m.**

It should be noted that it is great honor for our country to host such a high level event. Therefore, using this opportunity, the Constitutional Court of Georgia is organizing the International Conference **on September 10-11, 2015 - “Application of International Treaties by Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Bodies: Challenges to the Dialogue”** which will follow the **Circle of Presidents (Preparatory Meeting)** and bring together the Presidents and the judges of the European Constitutional Courts and equivalent bodies, Presidents and members of the international institutions, and other dignitaries. Your participation in this conference will be greatly welcomed.

The venue of the Circle of the Presidents and the International Conference will be the **Hilton Batumi Hotel** (<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/georgia/hilton-batumi-BUSBTHI/index.html>) which occupies a prime location on the Batumi Seaside Boulevard and offers easy access to the beach and the restored Batumi Old Town. Also we have chosen it to be the place of your accommodation. The Constitutional Court has negotiated the special rates for your stay at the hotel (*for details please refer to the attached registration form*).

According to the Art.9 Statute; Art. 10 Regulations of the Conference of the European Constitutional Courts please find an agenda enclosed which will be adopted under agenda item 1.

With regard to the item II.3 Agenda, please find a proposal enclosed for the theme of the XVIIth Congress, including the sub-topics with synopsis.

The Constitutional Court of Georgia has set up a sub-site of the Conference of the European Constitutional Courts <http://constcourt.ge/congress2015-2017/> where all the necessary information for the Circle of Presidents and the further preparation of the XVIIth Congress will be uploaded.

In line with Art. 9 para. 2 Statute; Art. 12 para. 2 Regulations of the Conference of the European Constitutional Courts, the official languages of the Congress and at the “Circle of Presidents” are French, English, German and Russian. **In addition, simultaneous interpretations in Italian and Spanish will be provided upon official request.**

To facilitate the proper organization of the XVIIth Circle of Presidents (Preparatory Meeting) I would like to ask you:

- to complete the enclosed registration form for each person (including accompanying persons) of your delegation participating in the Circle of Presidents, International Conference and Social program and to return it to the Constitutional Court of Georgia **by June 22nd, 2015 at the latest** to the following E-mail address: cecc2014-2017@constcourt.ge
- to make the direct online booking at the **Hilton Batumi Hotel** please follow the link (*special rates are available from September 8 till September 13, 2015*): www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/B/BUSBTHI-GCON15-20150909/index.jhtml

I am looking forward to welcoming you in Batumi this September.

Yours sincerely,

George Papuashvil



Attachments: Preliminary Program
Registration Form
Agenda of the Circle of Presidents (Preparatory Meeting)
Synopsis of the proposed theme and sub-topics