



## RESOLUTION I

The Circle of Presidents of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts, gathered in preparation of the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts on 28 February 2025,

*decides by a two-thirds majority of the 32 members present*

to adopt the draft agenda prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the Statute and Article 10 of the Conference Regulations of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts as forwarded to all member courts of the said organization in its entirety, with the exception of a minor amendment to Item II.3, which shall now read:

*II.3: Discussion and **possible** approval of the membership application of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo.*

Tirana, 28 February 2025

Holta Zaçaj

President of the Constitutional Court of Albania



## RESOLUTION II

The Circle of Presidents of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts, gathered in preparation of the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts on 28 February 2025,

Taking account of the request of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo to admit it to full membership in the Conference of European Constitutional Courts,

Having heard the speech of Nexhmi Rexhepi, President of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo,

Having heard the presentation of the report of the committee established under Resolution III of the Circle of Presidents (22 May 2024, Chisinau), by Ms Holta Zaçaj,

Having heard the assenting opinions of the participants of the Preparatory Meeting,

*decides by a two-thirds majority of the 31 members present*

to admit the Constitutional Court of Kosovo to full membership in the Conference of European Constitutional Courts.

Tirana, 28 February 2025

Holta Zaçaj

President of the Constitutional Court of Albania



### RESOLUTION III

The Circle of Presidents of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts, gathered in preparation of the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts on 28 February 2025,

*decides unanimously*

That the theme of the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts will read: ***Freedom of Expression and Fake News as Threats to Democracy.***

Tirana, 28 February 2025

Holta Zaçaj

President of the Constitutional Court of Albania



## RESOLUTION IV

The Circle of Presidents of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts, gathered in preparation of the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts on 28 February 2025,

*decides by a two-thirds majority of the 33 members present*

to approve certain organizational matters related to the preparation of the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts in accordance with Article 9(2) of the Statute, as follows:

- 1) The XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts will take place in Tirana from 3 to 5 May 2027 (*Article 9(2), letter (c), Article 9(5) of the Statute*).
- 2) Unless any of the member courts asks for interpretation to be provided into another language as per the Statute, then the languages of the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts will be French, English, German, and Albanian (*Article 9(2), letter (c) of the Statute; Article 12 of the Conference Regulations*).
- 3) The Constitutional Court of Albania will prepare and issue a questionnaire for the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts. The questionnaire will be sent to the member courts for their comments by October 2025. Member courts are requested to submit their comments by December 2025. Following the incorporation of these comments, the final version of the questionnaire will be distributed to the individual member courts for processing no later than February 2026. The completed questionnaires must be returned to the Secretariat of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts by December 2026. Submissions should be made in the national language of the member court, as well as in English or French (*Article 3 of the Conference Regulation*).
- 4) The judge of the Constitutional Court of Albania, Ms Marsida Xhaferllari, is hereby designated the General Rapporteur of the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts (*Article 3 of the Conference Regulations*).
- 5) The XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts will be organized in sessions followed by plenary discussions.

- 6) The persons and institutions listed in the annex to this resolution will be invited as observers and guests to the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts (*Article 9(2), letter (b) of the Statute; Article 5(1)(2) of the Conference Regulations*)
- 7) The Venice Commission of the Council of Europe is asked to cooperate in the preparations of the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts. The Venice Commission will prepare a special Bulletin for the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts.

Annex: List of Observers and Guests for the XX<sup>th</sup> CECC Congress

Tirana, 28 February 2025

Holta Zaçaj

President of the Constitutional Court of Albania



## **LIST OF OBSERVERS AND GUESTS FOR THE XX<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS**

In accordance with Article 9(2), letter (b) of the Statute and Article 5(1) of the Conference Regulations, it is proposed to invite the following persons and institutions as observers to the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts:

- President of the European Court of Human Rights and the judge of the European Court of Human Rights elected for the Republic of Albania;
- President of the Court of Justice of the European Union;
- President of the International Criminal Court;
- President of the International Court of Justice;
- President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (the Venice Commission);
- World Congress on Constitutional Justice (WCCJ);
- Balkan Constitutional Courts Forum (BCCF)
- Global Network on Electoral Justice
- Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC);
- Association of Constitutional Courts using the French language (ACCF);
- Commonwealth Courts;
- Conference of the Constitutional Control Organs of the Countries of New Democracy;
- Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of the Portuguese-Speaking Countries;
- Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa (CJCA);
- Ibero-American Conference of Constitutional Justice;
- South African Forum of Presidents of Constitutional Courts;
- Union of Arab Constitutional Courts and Councils;
- Presidents of constitutional and equivalent courts currently applying for membership in the CECC;

Further, in accordance with Article 9(2), letter (b) of the Statute and Article 5(2) of the Conference Regulations, it is proposed to invite the following persons as guests to the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts:

- President of the Republic of Albania;
- Chairman of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania;
- Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania;

- Distinguished former judges of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Albania;
- Representatives of the courts of the Republic of Albania;
- Representatives of the justice institutions of the Republic of Albania;
- Notable professors in the field of law and other respected persons of the Albania academia.



## RESOLUTION V

The Circle of Presidents of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts, gathered in preparation of the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts on 28 February 2025,

*decides unanimously*

to approve the general costs related to the organization of the Preparatory meeting of the Circle of Presidents of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts which took place in Tirana on 28 February 2025. These costs will be distributed pro rata among the full members of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts who participated in the meeting of the Circle of Presidents, according to the number of members of each delegation.

All other costs associated with the meeting of the Circle of Presidents of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts held in Tirana on 28 February 2025 and the costs associated with the accompanying program will be borne by the Constitutional Court of Albania.

The Constitutional Court of Albania will present to all the members the preliminary draft budget of the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts by April 2026.

Tirana, 28 February 2025

Holta Zaçaj

President of the Constitutional Court of Albania



## RESOLUTION VI

The Circle of Presidents of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts, gathered in preparation of the XX<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts on 28 February 2025,

Considering the discussions and proposals of the participants present at the meeting of the Circle of Presidents on the subject regarding the developing of a CECC Key Theme Periodic Bulletin,

*decides unanimously*

To establish a committee that will examine the available resources, including existing databases like CODICES and the Hungarian network, and determining how they could be integrated or linked to form a cohesive research tool. The committee will explore how the idea could be implemented in a way that respects the capacities of all courts involved. The committee will also address the technical and practical aspects of the proposal, such as defining which topics would be included and how decisions would be selected for inclusion.

The committee will present their findings at the next meeting for further discussion and potential approval.

Tirana, 28 February 2025

Holta Zaçaj

President of the Constitutional Court of Albania