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## Round table on the role of the Georgian Parliament in implementing standards of the European Convention of Human Rights

*organised by*

*the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*

*at the invitation of the Legal Issues Committee of the Parliament of Georgia*

**Borjomi, 17 - 18 March 2017**

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### **VENUE:**

RIXOS BORJOMI HOTEL  
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## 1. Rationale and expected outcome and impact

Since the beginning of 2015, the Parliamentary Assembly has participated in the implementation at parliamentary level of the joint programmatic framework between the Council of Europe and the European Union, entitled **2015 – 2017 EU-CE Programmatic Cooperation Framework with Eastern Partnership Countries**. This programme aims to support the reinforcement of democratic reforms in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

Under the theme “**Protection and promotion of human rights**”, the Parliamentary Assembly is responsible for organising activities whose main objective is to facilitate exchanges of experience among the members of national parliaments on the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights’ standards in national legislation of their country and on the role of parliaments in the effective implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights. Another objective is to consider the existence and effectiveness of parliamentary structures and mechanisms for the verification of Convention’s standards within national parliaments of the Eastern Partnership countries.

A first Regional Seminar on the on the role of national parliaments in implementing the standards of the European Convention of Human Rights, was organised in Tbilisi on 21-22 September 2015 with the participation of members of the Parliaments of Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

At the issue of this event and at the initiative of the Georgian Parliament, a workshop on national level for the Members of Parliament and staff members of the Georgian Parliament was held in Strasbourg on 26-27 April 2016. The participants of this event could exchange views with the representatives of the PACE, of the European Court of Human Rights and of the Department for the execution of the ECtHR judgments more specifically on the case law of Georgia and needed reforms.

This Parliamentary Round Table on the same subject to be held in Borjomi on 15 March 2017 will permit Georgian Parliament, after the parliamentary elections of October 2016, to continue its work on the reforms in order to better comply its national draft laws with the ECHR standards and in order to create appropriate parliamentary structures and mechanisms to supervise effectively the execution of the ECtHR judgments.

The principal short term aims of this event being the creation of efficient parliamentary structures and mechanisms guaranteeing the implementation of the ECHR standards in Georgia and a long term expected impact is an effective reform of parliamentary mechanisms which would guarantee the full execution of judgments against Georgian and a decrease of the Georgian case-law before the ECtHR.

## 2. Participants and working languages

Are invited to this national round table: members of the Georgian Parliament and in particular members of the Committee on Legal Affairs and of the Committee on Human Rights and Civil Integration, Ombudsman of Georgia, Georgian experts as well as members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), mainly from the PACE Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Right, representatives from the European Court of Human Rights and of the Council of Europe Department of the Execution of the ECtHR Judgments, experts, representatives of the CoE Office of the EU Delegation in Georgia.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in two languages: English and Georgian.

### 3. DRAFT PROGRAMME

**Friday, 17 March 2017**

09.30 – 10.00 am

#### OPENING SESSION

**Opening by** **Ms Eka BESELIA**, Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the Parliament of Georgia, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

**Welcome speeches by:**

**Mr. Zaza TAVADZE**, Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Georgia

**Mr Boriss CILEVIČS**, Chairperson of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights of the PACE, Member of the Latvian Parliament

**Mr Cristian URSE**, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tbilisi

10.00 am – 12.30

#### SESSION 1: THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS – AN OVERVIEW

*Chairperson:* **Mr Boriss CILEVIČS**, Chairperson of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights of the PACE, Member of the Latvian Parliament

Panel:

**Ms. Nino GVENETADZE**, Chairperson of the Supreme Court of Justice of Georgia

**Mr. Mindia UGREKHELIDZE**, Former Chairman of the Supreme Court of Georgia, Former Judge at the ECHR and a member of the Venice Commission

**Mr Konstantin KORKELIA**, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the Council of Europe, Professor of International Law of Human Rights, Faculty of Law, Tbilisi State University

**Discussion**

11.15–11.30 am *Coffee break*

**Mr Mamuka LONGURASHVILI**, Head of Section, Department for the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, DGI - Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

**Mr David MILNER**, Deputy to the Head of the Secretariat of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the PACE

12.30 – 1.00 pm **General discussion with participation of the moderator, Ms Angela PATRICK**, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers, United Kingdom

1.00 -3.00 pm *Lunch at the invitation of the Parliamentary Assembly*

3.00 – 5.00 pm

**SESSION 2: THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

Chairperson: **Ms Tamar CHUGOSHVILI**, First Deputy Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia

Panel:

**1) Georgian Reform of the Parliament – towards a better structure and mechanisms of the effective supervision of the ECHR standards and execution of judgments**

**Ms Eka BESELIA**, Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs, Parliament of Georgia, member of the PACE

**Mr. Giorgi TUGHUSHI**, Deputy Chairman of the Human Rights and Civil Integration Committee

**Mr Gocha LORTKIPANIDZE**, Deputy Minister of Justice

**2) Compatibility of draft laws with the ECHR standards and execution of the European Court of Human Rights judgments**

**Mr Boriss CILEVIČS**, Chairperson of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights of the PACE

4.00 – 4.15 pm *Coffee break*

**Discussion**

**CLOSING SESSION**

**5.00 – 5.30 pm General discussion with participation of the moderator, Ms Angela PATRICK**, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers, United Kingdom

**5.30 – 6.00 pm Conclusions**

**Mr Boriss CILEVIČS**, Chairperson of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights of the PACE

**Ms Eka BESELIA**, Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs, Parliament of Georgia, member of the PACE

**Saturday, 18 March 2017**

**08h45 – 11h45 Cultural Programme, which will include among others, a visit of:**

**Green Monastery  
Winter Palace  
Iranian General Mirza-Riza-Khan Palace  
First Post Office  
Tchaikovsky memorial  
Beauty Bridge  
Bird's-eye view from Borjomi funicular**

## 4. Secretariat

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