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Conference Materials

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM 1995 International Judicial Conference

“Courts of Ultimate Appeal: The Constitutional and Supreme Courts
of Central and Eastern Europe, the Baltics, the Caucasus, and Central Asia”
at the Georgetown University Law Center

1995 Theme: Basic Rights in Conflict

Monday, November 13

All Day Arrival of participants and check-in at hotel

Evening Opening Dinner at the Vista Hotel

Tuesday, November 14

Georgetown University Law Center, Moot Courtroom

9:00 **Welcoming Comments by the Sponsors**
Peter G. Kelly, Esq., Chairman of the Board, The Center for Democracy
Frederick P. Furth, Esq., The Furth Family Foundation
Professor Herman Schwartz, ARD/Checchi Rule of Law Consortium

9:15 **Opening Remarks**
Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Supreme Court, USA
President Rolv Ryssdal, European Court of Human Rights
Professor Allen Weinstein, Center President and Moderator of the Conference

10:00 **Panel One: Transitional Justice – The Old Regime Issue in the New Democracies**
Paper: Chairman Rait Maruste, National Court, Estonia
Chairman Mindia Ugrekhelidze, Supreme Court, Georgia
President Cardoso da Costa, Constitutional Court, Portugal
First Deputy Chairman Mikhail K. Yukov, High Arbitration Court, Russian Federation
President Milan Cic, Constitutional Court, Slovak Republic

11:00 Coffee Break

- 11:30 General Discussion
- 12:30 Buffet Luncheon
Bellevue Hotel, 15 E Street, NW
- 14:00 **Panel Two: Protecting Political Speech and Defining Libel**
Paper: Justice Jacques Robert, Constitutional Council, France
Chairman Cholpon Baekova, Constitutional Court, Kyrgyzstan
Justice Tore Schei, Supreme Court, Norway
Justice Krzysztof Kolakowski, Supreme Court, Poland
Justice Vladimir Yaroslavtsev, Constitutional Court, Russian Federation
Associate Justice Stephen Breyer, Supreme Court, USA
- 15:00 General Discussion
- 16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:30 **Panel Three: Court Financing and Judicial Independence**
Paper: President Pál Solt, Supreme Court, Hungary
Chairman Taniel Barseghian, Supreme Court, Armenia
President Ismet Dautbasic, Constitutional Court, Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina*
Chairman Amanmurat Kakabaev, Supreme Court, Turkmenistan
Deputy Chief Justice Volodymyr Stephaniuk, Supreme Court, Ukraine
Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Supreme Court, USA
- 17:30 General Discussion
- 18:30 Close of Session
- 19:00 Reception at the U.S. Supreme Court
- 21:00 Dinner at Music City Roadhouse
1050 30th Street, NW

Wednesday, November 15

- 9:00 **Panel Four: Independent Judiciary and Independent Media in the New Democracies**
Paper: Vice President Ivana Janu, Constitutional Court, Czech Republic
Justice Velimir Belajec, Constitutional Court, Croatia
Justice Ronan Keane, Supreme Court, Ireland
Chairman Pranas Kuris, Supreme Court, Lithuania
Justice Bostjan Zupancic, Constitutional Court, Slovenia
Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Supreme Court, USA
- 10:00 General Discussion
- 10:45 Coffee Break

- 11:15 **Panel Five: Enforcing Judicial Decisions**
Paper: Deputy Chairman Valery P. Verin, Supreme Court, Russian Federation
Justice Pierre Marchal, Court of Cassation, Belgium
Justice Torben Melchior, Supreme Court, Denmark
Chairman Jovan Proevski, Constitutional Court, Macedonia
President Gheorge Uglean, Supreme Court, Romania
- 12:15 **General Discussion**
- 13:00 **Buffet Lunch**
Bellevue Hotel, 15 E Street, NW
- 14:30 **Panel Six: Governmental Authority and Judicial Protection of Minority Rights**
Paper: President Stefan Trechsel, European Commission of Human Rights
President Roumen Yankov, Supreme Court, Bulgaria
Justice Massimo Vari, Constitutional Court, Italy
Chairman Andris Gulans, Supreme Court, Latvia
Magistrate Vicente Gimeno Sendra, Constitutional Court, Spain
Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Supreme Court, USA
- 15:30 **General Discussion**
- 16:15 **Coffee Break**
- 16:45 **Concluding Discussion: Consolidating an Independent Judiciary – Practical Steps**
Associate Justice Antonin Scalia, Supreme Court, USA
- 17:30 **Closing Comments**
Heiner Klebes, Deputy Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Associate Justice Antonin Scalia, Supreme Court, USA
- Evening **Closing Reception on the IMPAC boat *Taipan* on the Potomac River**