

**Fourth Warsaw Seminar  
on the Concepts of General Domestic Remedy  
and  
the Simplified Procedure for Amending the Convention  
in the post-Interlaken process**

**Warsaw, 9-10 September 2010**

**Draft Programme**

**9 September**

**12.30**      *Registration of the participants*

13.00      Welcome addresses

Mr. Jacek Czaputowicz, Director of the National School of Public Administration

Mr. Maciej Szpunar, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Igor Dzialuk, Deputy Minister of Justice

**Part One: General Domestic Remedy – national experiences and challenges**

**Moderator: Jakub Wołásiewicz – Government Agent of Poland**

13.30 – 13.50      A representative of the European Court of Human Rights (*tbc*): *General domestic remedy from the perspective of the European Court of Human Rights*

13.50 – 14.10      Mr. Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director of Monitoring, Council of Europe: *Domestic Remedies and the Obligation to Execute the Court's Judgments*

13.10 – 14.30      Mr. Michal Balcerzak, Nicholas Copernicus University: *The improvement of effective domestic remedies in the post-Interlaken process*

**14.30 – 15.00**      ***Coffee break***

15.00 – 15.20      Prof. Erik Kerševan, Secretary General of the Constitutional Court of Slovenia: *Constitutional complaint in Slovenia*

15.20 – 15.40      Mr. Bogdan Zimnenko, Deputy Chairman of division of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation: *The implementation of the Convention for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in the practice of general jurisdiction courts*

- 15.40 – 16.00 Mr. James Welch, Legal Director for Liberty: *British experience with the Human Rights Act – an effective domestic remedy?*
- 16.00 – 16.20 Mr. Arto Kosonen, Government Agent of Finland: *Finish experience with respect to effective remedies*
- 16.20 – 17.30 Discussion
- 19.00 Reception hosted by the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

## **10 September**

### **Part two: Simplified Procedure for Amending the Convention**

**Moderator: Prof. Björg Thorarensen – Chairperson of the DH-PR, Government Agent of Iceland**

- 9.30 – 9.50 Prof. Krzysztof Drzewicki, Chair of Public International Law, University of Gdańsk, former Polish Government Agent: *Simplified Procedures for Amending Certain Organizational Provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights: a Statute for the Court or an Article 41(d) model of the Statute of the Council of Europe*
- 9.50 – 10.10 Mr. Georgy Matyushkin, Representative of the Russian Federation at the European Court of Human Rights – Deputy Minister of Justice: *Some ideas on a Statute of the European Court of Human Rights*
- 10.10 – 10.30 Mr. Viktor Vavricka, Head of the Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland; Ms. Daniela Kühne, University of Zurich: *Swiss study on the Statute of the Court*
- 10.30 – 10.50 Coffee break**
- 10.50 – 11.10 Ms. Róisín Pillay, Senior Legal Adviser, International Commission of Jurists: *Aims and Scope of a Statute or Simplified Amendment procedure – ensuring a fair and effective Court*
- 11.10 – 11.30 Mr. Jakub Wołasiwicz, Government Agent of Poland: *An Attempt of the visualisation of the concept of the Statute of the Court*
- 11.30 – 12.30 Discussion

### **Part three: Future development of human rights standards and procedures**

- 12.30 – 12.50 Ms. Magdalena Forowicz, Post-doc researcher at the University of Zurich and Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute Florence: *The future of friendly settlements*
- 13.00 Summary and adoption of the conclusions of the Seminar**
- 13.30 Buffet lunch hosted by the Polish Ministry of Justice**

### **Working language of the Seminar**

English (no translation to other languages)

### **Organizers**

- Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Polish Ministry of Justice
- Council of Europe
- National School of Public Administration, Warsaw

### **Aims**

- exchanging views on experience in the functioning of general domestic remedies in the respective states;
- assessing the necessity and the desirability to elaborate the Statute of the ECHR;
- developing ideas and proposals with reference to the possible reform of the ECHR.

### **Participants**

- government agents and government experts in the field of human rights
- members of GT-Suivi. Interlaken
- members of the CDDH working groups
- the Council of Europe officials
- representatives of non-governmental organizations
- academics and scholars

### **Practical suggestion to each participant wishing to make presentation or intervention during the Seminar**

There is a possibility to prepare a written version of the presentation or intervention about the topic discussed during the seminar, which may be disseminated to the participants and published.

### **Venue:**

**National School of Public Administration, Wawelska str. 56, Warsaw, Poland**

### **Costs**

Please note that the organizers will not be in a position to cover the travel and subsistence expenses.

### **Person responsible for organization of the Seminar and contacts:**

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