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Fifth Regional Rule of Law Forum for South East Europe

16-17 March 2018
Hotel Marriott, Skopje

DAY 1

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| 09h30 | <p>Opening Session Welcome speeches by the organisers and introduction to the Forum <i>Biljana Braithwaite, Programme Manager for the Western Balkans, the AIRE Centre</i> <i>Goran Miletic, Director for Europe, Civil Rights Defenders</i></p> <p>Opening Speeches <i>Zoran Zaev, Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia</i> <i>Bilen Saliji, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Macedonia</i> <i>Charles Edmund Garret, British Ambassador to Macedonia</i> <i>Mats Staffansson, Swedish Ambassador to Macedonia</i></p> |
| 10h30 | Coffee break |
| 11h00 | <p>Keynote speech <i>Nuala Mole, Senior Lawyer and AIRE Centre Founder</i></p> |
| 11h20 | <p>Panel discussion: The prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment under Article 3 ECHR - case-law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) on the countries in the region <i>Moderator: Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska, former ECtHR judge</i> <i>Panelists: ECtHR judges: Ledi Bianku (Albania), Ksenija Turkovic (Croatia), Jovan Ilievski (Macedonia), Nebojsa Vucinic (Montenegro), Dragoljub Popovic (Serbia) and Mirsad Ceman (BiH Constitutional Court President)</i></p> |
| 13h00 | Introduction to Working Groups |
| 13h15 | Lunch (Ballroom 2, second floor) |
| 14h30 | <p>Working Group 1 A: ECtHR judges and national judges –detention conditions, including States' positive obligations to ensure their compliance with standards established by the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) <i>Moderators: Nuala Mole and Dragoljub Popovic, former ECtHR judge</i></p> <p>Working Group 1 B: ECtHR judges and national judges – the procedural obligation to effectively investigate claims of ill-treatment and the use of evidence obtained in contravention of Article 3 in criminal proceedings <i>Moderators: Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska and Ana Vilfan Vospersnik, Senior Lawyer, ECtHR Registry</i></p> <p>Working Group 2: Government Agents - raising awareness of torture and ill-treatment issues <i>Moderators: Catharina Harby, Senior Legal Consultant, the AIRE Centre and Velimir Delovski, lawyer</i></p> |



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| 14h30 | Working Group 3: Judicial Training Centres and Institutions - future training programmes for members of judiciary <i>Moderators: Biljana Braithwaite and Ivana Goranic, Regional Cooperation Council</i> |
| 14h30 | Working Group 4: NGO representatives, ombudsmen and legal experts -main challenges in relation to torture and ill-treatment <i>Moderators: Latif Huseynov, ECtHR judge and Ishaani Shrivastava, Barrister at Devereux Chambers, London</i> |
| 16h30 | End of Day 1 |
| 18h00 | Cocktail Reception at Hotel Marriot (Executive Lounge, fifth floor) |
| 19h30 | Official Forum Dinner at Hotel Marriot (Distrikt Bar and Kitchen, ground floor) |
| DAY 2 | |
| 09h30 | Reporting back from Working Groups and discussion <i>Moderator: Catharina Harby</i> |
| 10h30 | Coffee break |
| 10h50 | CPT's role and impact of its work on ECtHR case-law <i>Latif Huseynov, ECtHR judge and former CPT President</i> |
| 11h15 | Panel Discussion: The prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment under Article 3 ECHR - issues raised in Working Groups, ECtHR case-law: best practices and possible solutions, challenges faced by the Strasbourg and national courts <i>Moderators: Dragoljub Popovic.</i> <i>Panelists: ECtHR judges Ledi Bianku (Albania), Ksenija Turkovic (Croatia), Jovan Ilievski (Macedonia), Nebojsa Vucinic (Montenegro)</i> |
| 12h30 | Closing discussion - Forum conclusions <i>Moderators: Goran Miletic and Biljana Braithwaite</i> |
| 13h00 | End of Forum |
| 13h15 | Lunch (Ballroom 2, second floor) |