



### DECISION III

The Circle of Presidents, convened in Batumi on 10<sup>th</sup> of September to prepare the XVIIth Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts,

Has unanimously decided:

1. The theme of the XVIIth Congress shall be: “Role of the Constitutional Courts in upholding and applying the constitutional principles” with the following subtopics:
  - a) The role of the Constitutional Court in defining and applying explicit/implicit constitutional principles.
  - b) Constitutional principles as higher norms? Is it possible to determine a hierarchy within the Constitution? Unamendable (eternal) provisions in Constitutions and judicial review of constitutional amendments  
(Pursuant to Article 9. Para. 2 lit. c of Statute)
2. The Constitutional Court of Georgia will draft a questionnaire, listing the essential aspects of the theme and serving as a basis for the preparation of the national reports (Art. 3 of the Conference Regulations). The questionnaire will be sent to all members **by 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015**. Proposals, comments or any other remarks concerning the questionnaire may be submitted by **21<sup>st</sup> of December 2015**.
3. The members submit their national reports in their respective languages as well as in French or English (Art. 12 para. 4 of the Conference Regulations) in electronic form (by e-mail to: [cecc2014-2017@constcourt.ge](mailto:cecc2014-2017@constcourt.ge)) **by 30 September 2016** (Art. 3 of the Conference Regulations). A summary is to be attached to each of these reports to permit the timely drafting of a general report. The national reports and their summaries will be published both on the website of the Constitutional Court of Georgia and on the permanent website of the CECC maintained by the Constitutional Court of Belgium.
4. Ms. Lali Papiashvili, member of the Constitutional Court of Georgia, be appointed to serve as General Rapporteur of the XVIIth Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts (Art. 3 of the Conference Regulations).

5. The sessions of the XVIIth Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts be organized in the following way (Art. 4 of the Conference Regulations): The first session will be dedicated to the presentation of the main theme – including prepared contributions to the discussion. The general report is to be available in writing by that time, with keynote papers on the sub-themes – followed by plenary discussions – to be delivered in the subsequent sessions. The Congress will conclude with a session comprising the presentation of the results and a plenary discussion.

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