

RESOLUTION VIII

The Circle of Presidents of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts, convened in Bucharest on 15 and 16 October 2009 to the Preparatory Meeting of the XVth Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts,

Having regard to Article 3 of the Statute of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts, while acknowledging the importance of mutual inspiration drawn from the case-law of other courts, as a result of the exchange of information and experience on a regional and global basis,

Having regard of the proposal of the Constitutional Court of Romania to consider a draft Statute of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice, as a follow-up to the First World Conference on Constitutional Justice which was held in Cape Town, South Africa on 23-24 January 2009,

Having heard Mr. Ioan Vida, President of the Constitutional Court of Romania, and Mr. Schnutz Dürr, Head of the Constitutional Justice Division of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (the Venice Commission) presenting the rationale for such initiative,

Having heard the interventions and proposals of the participants in the meeting,

Has unanimously decided:

1° A formalized Statute of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice is still premature under the circumstances and therefore cannot be approved at the present time.

2° To resolutely pursue and foster other ways and means for enhancing communication between the courts in the general context of a worldwide interaction of various legal systems, namely through bilateral contacts, regular meetings in smaller or even regional groups, while also taking advantage of the

opportunities provided by the European Commission for Democracy through Law (the Venice Commission) with a view to achieving the ultimate goals and aspirations of a global forum on constitutional justice, on a step-by-step basis.

3° To reconsider the matter at the XVth Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts, in the light of experience to be gained by then.

Bucharest, 16 October 2009

Prof.Dr. Ioan VIDA

President