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**10th Round Table of European Ombudsmen and the Council of Europe
Commissioner for Human Rights –**

10th Anniversary of the Greek Ombudsman's Office –

with the special participation of National Human Rights Institutions

Athens, 12-13 April, 2007

**“Implementing human rights and the rule of law in Europe:
The co-operation between Ombudsmen, National Human Rights Institutions and the
Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights”**

Meeting Venue: Zappeion Hall, Athens, Greece

AGENDA

Thursday 12 April, 2007

9.30 OPENING OF THE ROUND TABLE

H.E. Dr. Karolos PAPOULIAS, President of the Hellenic Republic

Mr. Thomas HAMMARBERG, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Mr. Yorgos KAMINIS, Greek Ombudsman

10.00 – 11.30 FIRST PLENARY SESSION – CHALLENGES

(Zappeion Room 14)

Chair: Mr. Marc FISCHBACH, Member of the Group of Wise Persons, Ombudsman of Luxembourg, Former Judge at the European Court of Human Rights

**10.00 – 10.20 Challenges ahead, which warrant to enhance the co-operation between the
Commissioner for Human Rights, ombudsmen and national human rights institutions
(NHRIs): Protocol 14 to the European Convention on Human Rights and the
recommendations of the Group of Wise Persons**

Speaker: Mr. Christos ROZAKIS, First Vice-President, European Court of Human Rights

**10.20 – 10.40 Strengthening the independence, effectiveness and accountability of ombudsmen
and NHRIs**

Speaker: Prof. Nikiforos DIAMANDOUROS, European Ombudsman

10.40 – 11.30 Discussion

11.30 – 12.00 *Coffee Break*

12.00 – 13.15 SECOND PLENARY SESSION – INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS
(Zappeion Room 14)

Chair: Prof. Epameinondas SPILIOTOPOULOS, Emeritus Professor, University of Athens,
Member of the Greek Academy of Science

**12.00 – 12.20 Typology of the ombudsman institutions in Council of Europe member States –
Presentation of an IOI survey**

Speaker: Prof. KUČSKO-STADLMAYER, University of Vienna

12.20 - 12.40 Typology of the national human rights institutions

Speaker: Prof. Brice DICKSON, University of International and Comparative Law, Queens
University, Belfast

12.40 – 13.15 Discussion

17.30 – 20.00 FIRST SESSION OF WORKING GROUPS 1 AND 2

Working Group 1 (Zappeion Room 14)

Theme area:

***Co-operation of ombudsmen and NHRIs
with the Commissioner in the light of
Protocol 14 and the recommendations
of the Group of Wise Persons***

Rapporteur (for the three sessions):

Mr. Michel FORST
Secretary General, French National
Consultative Commission
for Human Rights

Working Group 2 (Zappeion Room 5)

Theme area:

***Can ombudsmen and NHRIs engage in
enhanced co-operation with the
Commissioner ?***

Rapporteur (for the three sessions):

Mr. Mats MELIN
Chief Parliamentary
Ombudsman of Sweden

**17.30 - 17.50 Ombudsmen and NHRIs as indirect
sources of information for the
European Court of Human Rights via
the Commissioner for Human Rights**

Chair: Professor ROUCOUNAS
Member, Group of Wise Persons

Speaker: Mr. Manuel LEZERTUA
Director, Office of the Commissioner
for Human Rights

**Setting up an ombudsman institution
and / or a NHRI**

Chair: Prof. Suzanne EGAN
Member, Irish Human Rights Commission

Speaker: Mrs. Emily O'REILLY
Ombudsman of Ireland

17.50 – 18.20 *Coffee break*

18.20 - 20.00 Discussion

Friday 13 April, 2007

9.15 – 10.30 SECOND SESSION OF WORKING GROUPS 1 AND 2

9.15 – 9.35	<u>Working Group 1</u> (Zappeion Room 14)	<u>Working Group 2</u> (Zappeion Room 5)
	The ombudsman as an independent source of information on the ECHR system and as a mediator for the citizens	Accountability of ombudsmen and NHRIs
	Chair: Mr. Armen HARUTYUNYAN Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia	Chair: Dr. Peter KOSTELKA Ombudsman of Austria
	Speaker: Mr. Alex BRENNINKMEIJER Ombudsman of the Netherlands	Speaker: Mr. Arne FLIFLET Ombudsman of Norway

9.35 – 10.30 Discussion

11.00 – 13.15 THIRD SESSION OF WORKING GROUPS 1 AND 2

11.00 – 11.20	<u>Working Group 1</u> (Zappeion Room 14)	<u>Working Group 2</u> (Zappeion Room 5)
	The contribution of ombudsmen and NHRIs to the execution of the judgements of the European Court of Human Rights	Respective competences of ombudsmen and NHRIs and their co-operation
	Chair: Mr. Ixhet MEMETI Ombudsman of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"	Chair: Mrs. Riitta-Leena PAUNIO Ombudsman of Finland
	Speaker: Mr. Erik FRIBERGH Registrar, European Court of Human Rights	Speaker: Mr. Jean-Paul DELEVOYE Ombudsman of France

11.20 – 13.15 Discussion

16.00 – 17.45 THIRD PLENARY SESSION - MARKING OUT THE STEPS FORWARD
(Zappeion Room 14)

Chair: Yorgos KAMINIS, Ombudsman of Greece

16.00 – 16.20 Report of the three sessions of Working Group 1

Rapporteur: Mr. Michel FORST, Secretary General, French National Consultative Commission of Human Rights

16.20 – 16.50 Discussion

16.50 – 17.10 Report of the three sessions of Working Group 2

Rapporteur: Mr. Mats MELIN, Chief Parliamentary Ombudsman of Sweden

17.10 – 17.40 Discussion

17.40 – 18.00 Concluding Remarks

Mr. Thomas HAMMARBERG, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights