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Second meeting of the Bureau of the European Network for the exchange of information
between persons and entities responsible for the training of judges and public prosecutors

(LISBON NETWORK)

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CONCLUSIONS

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1. In the framework of its Co-operation Programme to strengthen the Rule of Law, the Council of Europe organised in Ankara on 8 and 9 September 2005, in co-operation with the Academy of Justice of Turkey, the **second meeting of the Bureau** of the European Network for the exchange of information between persons and entities responsible for the training of judges and public prosecutors (**Lisbon Network**)¹.
2. The participants expressed their gratitude to the Academy of Justice of Turkey for having taken the initiative to invite the Bureau to hold its second meeting in Ankara, as well as for the perfect organisation of the meeting and the warm hospitality.

¹ The Lisbon Network was created at the multilateral meeting in Lisbon, on 27 and 28 April 1995. The Bureau of the Lisbon Network was created following the sixth plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network (Bucharest, 18-19 November 2003). The Bureau (Ministry of Justice of Austria, Ministry of Justice of Finland, National School of Magistrates (ENM) of France, National Institute of Magistracy (INM) of Romania, Academy of Justice of Turkey) held its first meeting at the Palais de l'Europe in Strasbourg on 16 and 17 December 2004.

3. **The Bureau** took note of the replies of members of the Lisbon Network to the three Questionnaires² adopted by the Bureau at its first meeting (Strasbourg, 16-17 December 2004). It noted that only 15 Delegations have sent replies to the said Questionnaires, ie: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Norway, Portugal, Romania, “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Turkey.

4. **The Bureau** took note of the Analysis of the answers to the three Questionnaires addressed by the Bureau to the members of the Network (document RES/LISB/Bu/Ana/Quest (2005)), prepared by the expert, Mr Raffaele SABATO, Judge at the Court of Naples (Italy). The Bureau underlined the remarkable quality of the said Analysis and furthermore welcomed the proposals concerning the possible future activities and orientations of the work of the Lisbon Network made by the expert.

5. **The Bureau** agreed on the advisability to ask the members of the Lisbon Network who have not yet done so to send to the Secretariat their replies to the three Questionnaires for 20 October 2005 at the latest, with a view to enabling the expert to complete his Analysis in the light of the new replies and, hence, to enabling all the members of the Lisbon Network to have a full picture of the structures and activities of the European entities entrusted with the training of magistrates, preferably before the seventh plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network .

6. As a consequence, **the Bureau** has invited the expert to finalise his Analysis when the time comes, in the light of the new replies to the Questionnaires which will have been sent to the Secretariat.

7. In the meantime, **the Bureau** entrusted the Secretariat to send the text of the Analysis of the expert (document RES/LISB/Ana/Quest (2005) to the members of the Lisbon Network and to publish it on the web site of the Lisbon Network as soon as possible, ie as soon as the translation of the Analysis into French (currently underway) is available.

8. **The Bureau** agreed that the first meeting of the Conference of Directors of the European Schools of Magistrates and the seventh plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network will take place at the Palais de l’Europe (Room 8) in Strasbourg **from Tuesday 22 November 2005 (9h30) to Thursday 24 November 2005 (18h00)**, with the following schedule:

² Questionnaire “A” on the structural and functional features of training institutions of judges and prosecutors (document RES/LISB/Bu/Quest (2004)1); Questionnaire “B” on the role of training institutions in recruitment and initial training of judges and prosecutors (document RES/LISB/Bu/Quest (2004) 2); Questionnaire “C” on the role of training institutions as regards in-service training of judges and prosecutors (document RES/LISB/Bu/Quest (2004) 3).

- a. Tuesday 22 November: Seventh plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network
- b. Wednesday 23 November morning: Conference of Directors of the European Schools of Magistrates
- c. Wednesday 23 November afternoon: Seventh plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network (continued)
- d. Thursday 24 November morning: Conference of Directors of the European Schools of Magistrates (continued)
- e. Thursday 24 November afternoon: Seventh plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network (continued and close)³.

9. Having in mind in particular the European Charter on the Statute of Judges of 1998 and Opinion No 4 of 2003 of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) to the attention of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on appropriate initial and in-service training for judges at national and European level , **the Bureau** agreed that the following institutions for the training of judges and prosecutors should be invited to be represented at the Conference of Directors of the European Schools of Magistrates:

- School of Magistrates of Albania
- Judicial Educational Centre of the Council of Court Chairmen of Armenia
- Training Unit for Judges and Public Prosecutors of the Ministry of Justice of Austria (in its capacity as member of the Bureau of the Lisbon Network)
- Centre for Judicial and Prosecutorial Training of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Public Institution Centre for Judicial and Prosecutorial Training in Republika Srpska
- Centre for Professional Training of Judges of Croatia
- Justice Academy of the Czech Republic
- Training Unit of the Ministry of Justice of Finland (in its capacity as member of the Bureau of the Lisbon Network)
- National School of Magistrates of France (ENM)
- Judicial Training Centre of Georgia

³ Reservation of the Delegation of Austria : “ Based on the idea of ongoing joint activities of all members of the Network, Austria has made the reservation to continue arguing for equal cooperation of all members of the Network, also in respect of schools for the judiciary.”

- Academy for judges of Germany
- National School of Judges of Greece
- Judicial Training Institute of Ireland
- Judicial Training Centre of Moldova
- Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary (SSR) of the Netherlands
- Centre of Judicial Studies of Portugal
- National Institute of Magistracy of Romania (INM)
- Academy of Judges of the Federation of Russia
- Judicial Training Centre of Serbia and Montenegro
- Training Centre for Judges of Slovenia
- Centre of Legal Studies of the Administration of Justice of Spain
- Judicial School of the General Council of the Judicial Power of Spain
- Centre for Continuing Education of the Judges' Association of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
- Academy of Justice of Turkey
- Academy of Justice of Ukraine
- Common Representatives of the Judicial Studies Boards of England and Wales, of Scotland and of Northern Ireland

and entrusted the Secretariat to invite the Directors of the said institutions to participate in the Conference.

10. The Bureau also agreed that the following High Councils of the Judiciary –having similar competences – should be invited to be represented at the Conference of Directors of the European Schools of Magistrates:

- High Council of Justice of Belgium
- High Council of the Judiciary of Italy

and entrusted the Secretariat to invite the said High Councils to participate in the Conference.

11. **The Bureau** further agreed that the following institutions for the training of judges and prosecutors, whose national legal status is under review, should be invited to participate in the Conference of Directors of the European Schools of Magistrates as Observers:

- Legal Training Centre of the Ministry of Justice of Azerbaijan
- Professional Development Centre of the Human Resource Department of the General Prosecutor's Office of Azerbaijan
- Magistrates Training Centre of Bulgaria

and entrusted the Secretariat to invite the Directors of the said institutions to participate in the Conference as Observers.

12. In the light in particular of the proposals made by its members and of the related discussions at the present meeting, **the Bureau** agreed on the following theme and sub-themes for the first meeting of the Conference of Directors of the European Schools of Magistrates :

The challenge for the European Schools of Magistrates: Establishment of a judicial training of quality for a qualitative Justice

- a. Adapting the training to the evolution of society**
- b. Taking into account the construction of the European Judicial Area**
- c. Assessment of the quality of training**
- d. Networking of the training means and resources**
- e. Contribution of the Lisbon Network to the networking of the training means**

and entrusted the Secretariat to inform the Directors.

13. **The Bureau** thanked warmly the Director of the National School of Magistrates of France (ENM) for having kindly accepted to chair the first meeting of the Conference of Directors of the European Schools of Magistrates (Strasbourg, 23-24 November 2005). **The Bureau** further gratefully accepted the offer of the Director of the ENM to draft and present at the Conference a report on the above theme and entrusted the Secretariat to

inform the Directors. **The Bureau** entrusted the Secretariat to ask the Directors of the European Schools of Magistrates to send to it their written contribution in English or French (4 pages maximum) on the said subject of the Conference by 4 November 2005 at the latest.

14. In the light in particular of the proposals made by its members and of the related discussions at the present meeting, **the Bureau** agreed on the following theme and sub-themes for the seventh plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network:

The quality of the training of Magistrates and common European standards for judicial training

a. The quality of judicial training in the light of the recent European developments (at national and international level) in the field of training of Magistrates

b. Identification of the criteria for the admission of magistrates to continuous training activities

c. Assessment of the quality of training

and entrusted the Secretariat to identify the Rapporteurs on these theme and sub-themes.

15. **The Bureau** entrusted the Secretariat to invite all the members of the Lisbon Network to participate in the seventh plenary meeting and to inform them of the theme and sub-themes agreed by the Bureau at the present meeting.

16. **The Bureau** agreed to invite the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) and the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) to be represented at the seventh plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network.

17. **The Bureau** agreed to invite the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) to be represented at the first meeting of the Conference of Directors of the European Schools of Magistrates.

18. **The Bureau** agreed to invite the expert – in the limits of and having regard to his own availability – to contribute, in co-operation with the Secretariat, in the preparation of the first meeting of the Conference of Directors of the European Schools of Magistrates and of the seventh plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network and to participate in all or part of the above meetings.

19. **The Bureau** agreed to invite the Secretary General of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) to participate in the first meeting of the Conference of Directors of the European Schools of Magistrates and in the seventh plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network and to invite him to present the activities of the EJTN on this occasion.

20. **The Bureau** gratefully accepted the invitation addressed to the Lisbon Network by the Secretary General of the EJTJN to participate in the General Assembly of the EJTJN in Edinburgh on 7 and 8 December 2005.

21. **The Bureau** agreed :

a. to propose to the plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network to decide upon the publication on the web site of the Lisbon Network of the names and details of the European training institutions of judges and prosecutors;

b. on the yearly publication on the web site of the Lisbon Network of the programmes of initial and continuous training proposed by the European Schools of Magistrates for the following year, and asked the Secretariat to approach the said Schools with a view to being in a position if possible to include the said programmes on the site as from the programmes of the 2006/2007 academic year.

22. **The Bureau** gratefully accepted the invitation of the Director of the National Institute of Magistracy of Romania (INM) to hold its third meeting in Bucharest on Thursday 3 and Friday 4 (morning) November 2005. **The Bureau** also agreed to hold a brief fourth meeting at the Palais de l'Europe in Strasbourg in the morning of 22 November 2005.

23. **The Bureau** agreed to entrust the Secretariat to send the present Conclusions to the members of the Lisbon Network.