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Fifth Regional Rule of Law Forum for South East Europe

16-17 March 2018
Hotel Marriott, Skopje

DAY 1

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 Vospernik, 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)