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Sixth Annual Regional Rule of Law Forum for South East Europe

Children and the European Court of Human Rights

22-23 March 2019
Dubrovnik, Croatia

DAY 1	
09h30	<p>Welcome from the organisers and introduction to the Forum <i>Biljana Braithwaite, Programme Manager for the Western Balkans, the AIRE Centre</i> <i>Goran Miletić, Director for Europe, Civil Rights Defenders</i></p> <p>Opening speeches <i>Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos, Vice President, European Court of Human Rights</i> <i>Mato Arlović, Judge, Constitutional Court of Croatia</i> <i>Hartmut Rank, Director Rule of Law Programme SEE, Konrad Adenauer Foundation</i></p>
10h15	<p>Keynote speech: Best interests of the child <i>The Right Hon Lord Reed, Deputy President, Supreme Court of the United Kingdom</i></p>
10h40	<p>Coffee break</p>
11h10	<p>Panel discussion: The rights of the child in the current regional case law of the European Court of Human Rights, public and private law <i>Moderator: Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos</i> <i>Panelists: Judges and former judges from the European Court of Human Rights - Darian Pavli (Albania), Ljiljana Mijović, (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Ksenija Turković (Croatia), Ivana Jelić (Montenegro), Jovan Ilievski (North Macedonia), Branko Lubarda (Serbia)</i></p>
13h00	<p>Introduction to working groups</p>
13h15	<p>Lunch at Mozaik restaurant (10th floor)</p>
14h30	<p>Working group 1 A: Judges from the region and European Court of Human Rights Children and the State - the State's duty to protect children from harm, to provide alternative care, and the place of children in the criminal justice system <i>Moderators: Nuala Mole, Senior Lawyer and Founder, the AIRE Centre, and Nebojša Vučinić, former ECtHR judge</i></p> <p>Working group 1 B: Judges from the region and European Court of Human Rights Children on the move - children and trafficking, migration and asylum <i>Moderators: Ledi Bianku, former ECtHR judge, and Markella Papadoulis, European Litigation Coordinator, the AIRE Centre</i></p>

14h30	<p>Working group 1 C: Judges from the region and European Court of Human Rights Children, their families and private law - custody, atypical families, relocation and abduction <i>Moderators: Dragoljub Popović, former ECtHR judge, and Ana Vilfan Vospernik, Senior Lawyer, ECtHR Registry</i></p>
	<p>Working group 2: Government agents before the European Court of Human Rights Challenges in execution of ECtHR judgments related to children's rights <i>Moderators: Catharina Harby, Senior Legal Consultant, the AIRE Centre, and Ishaani Shrivastava, Barrister Devereux Chambers (London)</i></p>
	<p>Working group 3: Representatives of judicial training institutes Future training programmes for the members of the judiciary and potential for regional cooperation <i>Moderator: Biljana Braithwaite</i></p>
	<p>Working group 4: NGO representatives, ombudsmen and legal experts The main challenges in children's rights, including children as applicants before the ECtHR and other international bodies <i>Moderators: John Stauffer, Legal Director and Deputy Executive Director, Civil Rights Defenders, and Annika Åkerberg, Senior Legal Adviser, Civil Rights Defenders</i></p>
16h30	End of Day 1
18h15	Cocktail reception at Agora Lobby Bar (Lobby level)
19h30	Dinner at Mozaik restaurant (10 th Floor)
DAY 2	
09h30	<p>Reporting back from working groups and discussion <i>Moderator: Catharina Harby</i></p>
10h45	Coffee break
11h15	<p>Panel discussion: Children's rights and the ECHR - reflections on the issues raised in working groups and Strasbourg case law, the challenges ahead for Strasbourg and the national courts and the recent trends in protection of children's rights in Europe <i>Moderator: Nuala Mole</i> <i>Panelists: Former Judges from the European Court of Human Rights and eminent experts - Ledi Bianku (Albania), Nebojša Vučinić (Montenegro), Dragoljub Popović (Serbia), Professor Anja Seibert-Fohr (Faculty of Law, University of Heidelberg)</i></p>
12h45	<p>Closing discussion - conclusions from the Forum <i>Biljana Braithwaite and Goran Miletić</i></p>
13h00	End of Forum
13h15	Lunch at Mozaik restaurant (10 th floor)
16h30	Guided Tour (Hotel Lobby)