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NURIA DIAZ ABAD
PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN
NETWORK OF COUNCILS FOR THE JUDICIARY

Dear Nuria Diaz Abad,

The referendum held on December 6 in Republic of Armenia, 2015 became a ground for reforms in the judiciary and therefore, various amendments were done to the Mother Law announcing the full independence of the Armenia's judicial power. Currently, the transformation of Armenia's system of governance into the parliamentary system is in progress.

The constitutional amendments, among other principles, affirm that everyone is entitled to fair and equitable treatment under the law, the guarantee of the rule of law and the independence and impartiality of the judiciary.

In 2018, the Supreme Judicial Council (the Council) was set up under the constitutional reform as an independent state body conferred with wide scope of powers, particularly; the primary role of the Council is to guarantee the independence of courts and judges (see the attached annex).

The independence of judiciary is a pillar of a democratic state based on the rule of the law. When every protection fails, it provides a bulwark to the public against any encroachments on its rights and freedoms under the law. These observations apply both domestically within the context of each nation-State and globally, viewing the global judiciary as one great bastion of the rule of law throughout the world. Ensuring the integrity of the global judiciary is thus a task to which much energy, skill and experience must be devoted. It is also a fundamental human right which is – inter alia – recognized in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

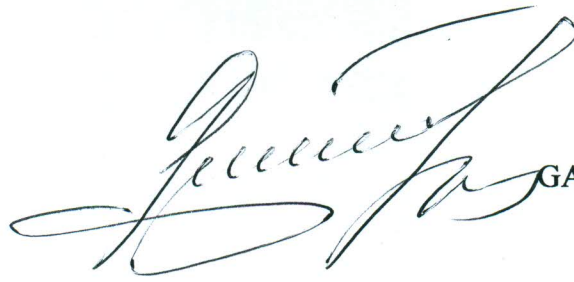
The Council intends to intensify the cooperation with the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary in implementing common objectives and strategic plans aiming to promote and preserve an independent, legally accountable and high quality judiciary.

I would like to express my willingness to attend the upcoming meeting of the General Assembly on 30 May – 01 June 2018 and to present our visions, challenges on the

administration of justice and be participant of the integrity process of the global judiciary.

I look forward to the opportunity to cooperate with you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gagik Harutyunyan', written in a cursive style.

GAGIK HARUTYUNYAN

