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Fifth Regional Rule of Law Forum for South East Europe

16-17 March 2018
Hotel Marriott, Skopje

DAY 1

09h30	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>
09h30	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>
10h30	Coffee break
11h00	Keynote speech <i>Nuala Mole, Senior Lawyer and AIRE Centre Founder</i>
11h20	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>
13h00	Introduction to Working Groups
13h15	Lunch (Ballroom 2, second floor)
14h30	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> 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> 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>



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14h30	<p>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></p> <p>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></p>
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	<p>Reporting back from Working Groups and discussion <i>Moderator: Catharina Harby</i></p>
10h30	Coffee break
10h30	<p>CPT's role and impact of its work on ECtHR case-law <i>Latif Huseynov, ECtHR judge and former CPT President</i></p>
11h15	<p>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></p>
12h30	<p>Closing discussion – Forum conclusions <i>Moderators: Goran Miletic and Biljana Braithwaite</i></p>
13h00	End of Forum
13h15	Lunch (Ballroom 2, second floor)