

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Joint Commission of European and Latin American Judiciaries

The members of the Joint Commission of European and Latin American Judiciaries, assembled on May 6, 7 and 8, 2009, in the city of Madrid, Spain, reached the following agreements during their first meeting:

ONE.- In accordance with the Rules of Operation, the members of the Commission unanimously chose their First President and their Executive Secretary for the legally-established term of four years. The following people were elected:

-President: Cesar Asfor Rocha, President of the High Court of Justice of Brazil, who accepted the nomination and took office.

-Executive Secretary: Hussein Ali Kalout, Director of International Relations of the High Court of Justice of Brazil, who accepted the nomination and took office.

In addition, it was agreed that the headquarters of the Executive Secretary's Office would be located in Brazil.

- The members of the Commission decided to propose the modification of the *Rules of Operation* for the creation of two vice-presidencies that would be occupied respectively by a representative from Europe and another from Latin America. Argentina and Brazil proposed for the Latin American vice-presidency the representative for El Salvador, Mr. David Cabezas Flores, a proposal which was accepted unanimously.

TWO.- A debate was held regarding different aspects relating to the Commission, and different proposals on strategies for the Commission were presented. The representatives of the networks within the Commission made presentations of the products and projects on which they are currently working. Mr. Mauro Volpi, in his capacity as representative of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary and Mr. Jorge Larrieux in his capacity as representative of the Pro Tempore Secretariat of the Ibero-American Judicial Summit, gave a general overview of the works of both institutions.

THREE.- The members of the Commission created and approved a plan of action for the Commission, which is attached as an annex to these minutes. In addition, they created the corresponding development documents for the mentioned plan, which are also attached.

FOUR.- A final declaration for this meeting was discussed and approved.

FIVE.- It was agreed to send an invitation to the European Network of Councils through its secretariat in order for its representative to attend the next events of the XV Ibero-American Judicial Summit, as well as managing before the former the possible attendance of the Presidency of the Joint Commission to the Plenary Meeting that will soon be held by the Network of Councils in Bucharest (Romania).

SIX.- The members decided to empower the President to start contacts in the future with the Consultative Council of European Judges, with the aim of considering a possible observer status, which could be decided in the next meeting.

SEVEN.- The Commission requested from the Executive Secretariat the presentation of the plan of action before the European Commission in order to obtain support for its execution.

EIGHT.-It was agreed that the next meeting of the Commission will be held this year in Brazil.

Madrid, eighth of May of two thousand and nine

The Executive Secretary
Hussein Ali Kalout

Con la cofinanciación de:

