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“PRESSING CHALLENGES AND WAYS TO ENSURE THE INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY OF LAWYERS IN TAJIKISTAN”

Organizers: The International Commission of Jurists, in cooperation with the Regional Office for Central Asia (ROCA) of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the Bar Association of the Republic of Tajikistan

The round table "*Pressing challenges and ways to ensure the independence and security of lawyers in Tajikistan*" is organized for lawyers, civil society organizations, international organizations and experts in law as a platform for the exchange of views and discussion of current challenges regarding the independence and security of lawyers in Tajikistan.

At the round table, we strive to go beyond the usual formats in order to discuss not only the problems, but also the opportunities to improve the justice system. We offer a space for networking and exchanging ideas. We expect every participant of the round table to contribute to a productive discussion that will help us all move towards strengthening the independence and security of lawyers.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

The event is supported by the Government of Finland

Date and time: 20 June (Tuesday) 09:00 to 16:30 Tajikistan time.

Venue: Serene Hotel, conference hall Kuhsor, 2nd floor.

Details for ZOOM:

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09:00 – 09:30	Welcome coffee
09:30 – 10:00	Opening remarks: Saidbek Khasanovich Nuritdinov - Chair of the Bar Association of the Republic of Tajikistan Temur Shakirov , Director (ad interim), Europe and Central Asia Programme, International Commission of Jurists (online) Fabio Piana , OiC Regional Representative, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Regional Office for Central Asia Kimberley Bulkley , Rule of Law Officer, OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe
Session 1	Moderator: Parvina Navruzova, ICJ
10:00 – 10:10	International standards and approaches to strengthening the independence and security of lawyers <i>Dmitry Nurumov, PhD, Legal expert of the International Commission of Jurists</i>
10:10 – 10:20	Challenges and possible amendments to the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan “On the Bar and Lawyers’ Activities” <i>Saidbek Khasanovich Nuritdinov, Chair of the Bar Association of the Republic of Tajikistan</i>
10:20 - 10:30	Prospects for the institutional development of the legal profession <i>Bahodur Saidov, Member of the Board of the Bar Association of the Republic of Tajikistan</i>
10:30 - 10:40	Functioning of the Commission for the Protection of Professional Rights of Lawyers: challenges and ways forward <i>Safarali Makhsiddinov, Deputy Chair of the Bar Association of the Republic of Tajikistan</i>
10:40 - 12:00	Discussion
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break
Session 2	Moderator: Dmitry Nurumov, ICJ
13:00 - 13:10	Lawyers and challenges related to legal representation in court and other State bodies <i>Fozil Olimovich Okilov, Member of the Board of the Bar Association, Director of the Center for Advanced Training of Lawyers</i>



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13:10 - 13:20	Challenges in handling torture and other ill-treatment related cases <i>Gulchekhra Kholmatova, Director of the NGO "World of Law", head of the Legal Aid Group of the Coalition against Torture and Impunity .</i>
13:20 - 13:30	Barriers in assessing the physical and psychological impact of violence against detainees in accordance with the Istanbul Protocol <i>Parvina Navruzova, ICJ Legal Consultant, expert in documenting facts of violence in accordance with the standards of the Istanbul Protocol</i>
13:30 - 14:30	Discussion
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee break
Session 3	Moderators: Dmitry Nurumov and Parvina Navruzova, ICJ
15:00 - 16:00	Discussion and elaboration of recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• challenges and elaboration of recommendations to ensure the independence and security of lawyers• improvement of the work of the Commission for the Protection of the Professional Rights of Lawyers• barriers to legal representation at the pre-trial and trial stages
16:00 - 16:30	Recapping the results of the round table