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EXPERT ROUNDTABLE

THE ROLE OF AN INDEPENDENT COURT IN ENSURING A FAIR TRIAL

Date and time: 14 October (Monday) from 9:30 to 13:00 **Venue:** «Serena» Hotel, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

ZOOM link: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82258425442?pwd=OMnphAslaaWtVzxS54chMti8h4vpij.1</u> Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 873 3400 3303 Passcode: 489699

AGENDA

9:30 - 9:45	Welcome (5 mins per speaker)
	 Representative of the Office of Human Rights Guarantees of the Executive Office of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan
	- OHCHR Regional Office for Central Asia, Programme Officer, Suhrob Shoev
	- Supreme Court of the Republic of Tajikistan, Justice Mavjuda Pulodi, Judge
	- International Commission of Jurists, Dmitriy Nurumov, Legal Expert
	Moderator: Parvina Navruzova, Legal Consultant, ICJ
9:45 - 11:00	Session I
	 International law and standards on judicial independence and the right to a fair trial
	Speaker: Dmitriy Nurumov, Legal Expert, International Commission of Jurists
	 Judicial system of the Republic of Tajikistan. Strengthening the role and potential of the Union of Judges of the Republic of Tajikistan in strengthening the independence of judges, openness and transparency of the courts' activities
	Speaker: Salomat Hakimzoda, Executive Director of the Union of Judges of the Republic of Tajikistan.
	Moderator: Parvina Navruzova, Legal Consultant, ICJ



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11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 13:00	Session II
	 Main problems lawyers face when defending clients in court Speaker: Umed Niyazov, Lawyer, Union of Lawyers of the Republic of Tajikistan The use of torture as evidence: why does it still exist? Speaker: Gulnora Aminova, Lawyer, Coalition against Torture General discussion: Strategies for overcoming barriers to ensuring rights in a in fair trial Moderator: Dmitriy Nurumov, Legal Expert, ICJ
13:00	Closing remarks
	 Supreme Court of the Republic of Tajikistan, Justice Mavjuda Pulodi OHCHR Regional Office for Central Asia, Programme Officer, Suhrob Shoev Director (a.i.), Europe and Central Asia Programme, International Commission of Jurists, Temur Shakirov
13:00	Lunch