

CONSTITUTIONAL COURT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF
MOLDOVA

PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC
COOPERATION
PABSEC



**THE FIRST FORUM OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS
OF THE BSEC MEMBER-STATES
10-11 DECEMBER 2001**

CHISINAU DECLARATION

We, the Presidents of the Constitutional Courts of the Black Sea countries, attending the First Forum of the Constitutional Courts of the BSEC Member-States, held under the auspices of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC), on 10-11 December 2001, in Chisinau, upon the invitation by the Chairman of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova,

stressing the crucial importance of the endeavours by the Member-States of the BSEC Organisation with a view of consolidating and enhancing democratic institutions, constitutional justice and the rule of law as a major force for securing democratic development of the society, pluralism, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and elevating the Black Sea countries to the universal values and the European standards,

taking due account of the experience already acquired by the countries in transition in promoting supremacy of law, and **emphasising** the high responsibility of the Constitutional Courts - as the guardian of democratic constitutional stability of the state – in addressing the fundamental issues of constitutional justice, independent and impartial judiciary, just and fair civil society,

welcoming the achievements of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) in the institutionalisation of a solid framework of cooperation aimed at promoting the lofty goals of friendship, cooperation, prosperity, stability and peace in the Black Sea region as a major contribution to a free and undivided Europe,

appreciating the resolute actions of the National Parliaments and the BSEC Parliamentary Assembly focused on upholding legal and regulatory systems of the Member-States and developing legislative acts boosting multilateral economic cooperation, speeding up economic, political and social reforms in the region,

recognising the valuable work of the European Commission on Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) in upholding and reinforcing the legal and constitutional values and standards of the Council of Europe Member-States,

hereby agreed on the following:

1. The First Forum of the Constitutional Courts of the BSEC Member-States provided a useful and instructive opportunity to make a comprehensive exchange of views and to share experience on basic issues related to the activities of the Constitutional Courts, most

