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REPORT
Kazakhstan's Presidency
in the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and
Equivalent Institutions



**Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan,
Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan**

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Introduction

In today's realities, characterized by global integration and the transformation of international relations, regional cooperation among States is an effective form of interaction to achieve common goals. As part of this cooperation, the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) was established in 2010 as a regional forum of Asian constitutional review bodies. Last year we celebrated its 10th anniversary.

The main goals of the Association are to promote the development of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental human rights in Asia. The Association operates as an autonomous, independent and non-political body. Its functions are to hold regular meetings of members, organize symposia, seminars and working visits, ensure the exchange of information on the working methods and constitutional case-law, exchange views and ideas on institutional, structural and operational issues related to public law and constitutional jurisdiction.

According to the AACC Statute, the implementation of the above-mentioned activities takes place under the Presidency of the one of the participating countries on a rotating basis. At the Board of Members Meeting, held on November 3, 2019 in Indonesia, Bali, the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan was unanimously elected as the President of the Association for the period 2019-2021. The accession to the post of AACC President coincided with a significant event for the Republic of Kazakhstan - the 25th anniversary of the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The IV Congress and other AACC events were held in Nur-Sultan on August 26-27, 2020 and were combined with the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions imposed, these meetings were held online for the first time.

Thus, as the Acting President of the AACC, Kazakhstan was making every effort to revitalize the Association's activities, which is characterized by positive dynamics of development and allows its members to jointly seek solutions to common issues in the constitutional and legal sphere.



Statutory events and key decisions: first year of the presidency

As Acting President of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions, the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan is guided by the motto "Dialogue, partnership, consensus and success".

During its Presidency of the Association in 2020, the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan held the following events:

- 1. Meeting of the Secretaries General;**
- 2. Board of Members Meetings;**
- 3. IV Congress of the Association.**

1. Meeting of the Secretaries General was held on August 26, 2020 and chaired by Mr. Bakyt Nurmukhanov, the Secretary General of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Head of the AACC Host Secretariat, with the participation of delegations from 17 countries.

At the opening of the meeting, the President of the AACC, Chairman of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Kairat Mami, made a welcoming speech.

The delegations discussed draft amendments to the Statute and other documents planned for adoption at the Board of Members Meetings, the accession of new members to the Association, as well as the activities of the Permanent Secretariats of the organization based in Indonesia, Korea and Turkey. In addition, the parties exchanged views on the content of the Association's final document, planned to be approved by the results of the IV Congress.



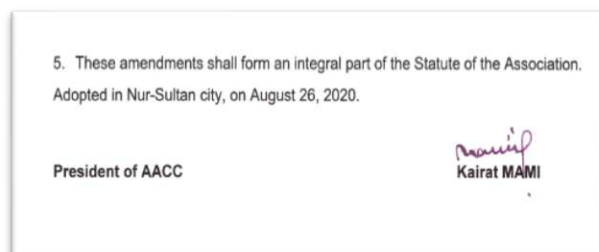
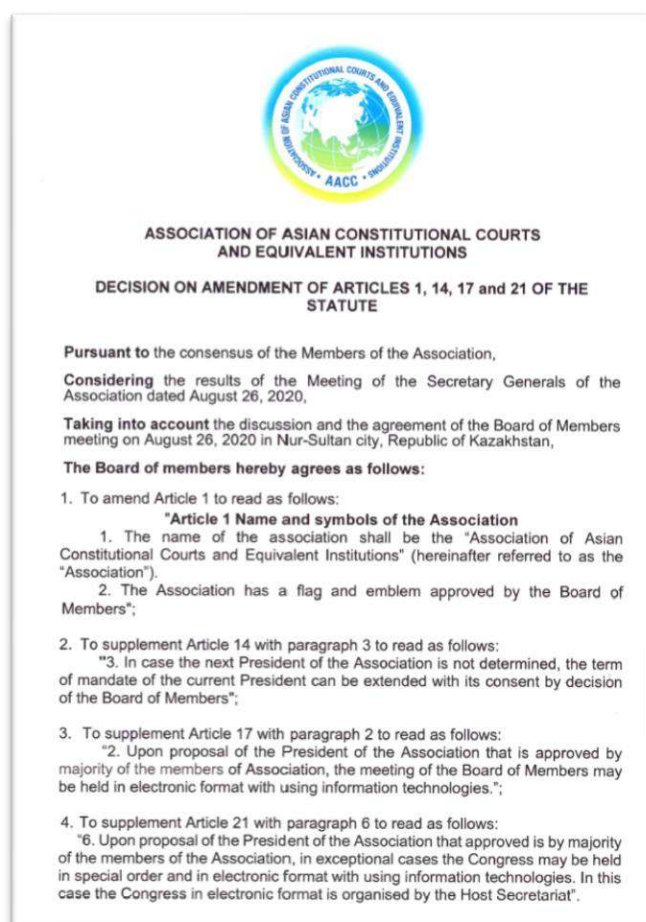
2. Board of Members Meetings were held online on August 26 and 27, 2020 and chaired by Mr. Kairat Mami, Chairman of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Acting President of the AACC. As a result of constructive interaction, the following decisions were taken by the meeting participants:

• **Amendments to the Statute**

Taking into account the experience of past years and modern challenges, the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan proposed to amend and supplement the Statute of the organization.

The Association's symbols - flag and emblem - were designated in the Statute. A mechanism for resolving uncertainty with the future President of the Association in special situations is envisaged. If the next President of the Association is not determined, then the term of mandate of the Acting President of the Association, with his consent, can be extended by the decision of the Board of Members.

In addition, it was established that upon the proposal of the President of the Association, supported by the majority of the members of the Association, the Board of Members Meeting and the Congress could be held in electronic format using information technologies. This addition is very relevant in the current epidemiological situation in the world. The events held by the Constitutional Council online confirmed the relevance of these amendments.



• **Accession to the Association of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh**

The principle of openness of the Association, and, consequently, the possibility of its expansion are set out in the organization's Statute. The Supreme Court of Bangladesh has expressed interest in joining the AACC.

The Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan received the necessary information and documents from the Secretariat for Planning and Coordination in Indonesia, which carried out significant preparatory work.

The application of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh was supported by almost all members of the Association. Mr. Hossain, the President of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, thanked everyone for their trust and assured that he would make every effort to achieve the goals of the Association.



• Signing the Memorandum of Understanding with Eurasian Association of Constitutional Review Bodies

The promotion of the Association's cooperation with other international and regional bodies is among the priorities of the Constitutional Council as President of AACC. As President of the Eurasian Association of Constitutional Review Bodies, the Constitutional Council of Kazakhstan initiated the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions.

On the air the President of the Association signed the Memorandum on behalf of the AACC. On the part of the Eurasian Association the Memorandum was signed by the Chairman of the Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court of the Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Karybek Duysheev. The signing of this document will contribute to the intensification of cooperation between associations with the aim of promoting generally recognized

constitutional values, maintaining a constant dialogue and exchange of experience on ensuring the supremacy of the Constitution.



The Reports of the Permanent Secretariats based in Indonesia, Korea and Turkey were also presented at the Board of Members Meetings and Meeting of the Secretaries General.





In addition, the issues of Association's participation in V Congress of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice were discussed at the Board of Members Meeting. The AACC members unanimously expressed their support for the candidacy of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia as the host institution of the 5th Congress of the WCCJ in 2022.

Furthermore, The Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia Mr. Chinbat Namjil confirmed his intention to assume the Presidency in August 2021.

The Board of Members expressed confidence that the Presidency of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia would be successful and fruitful.



3. IV Congress of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions

The Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan, assuming the role of the President of the Association at the Board of members Meeting on November 3, 2019 in Indonesia, Bali, expressed its readiness to hold the IV Congress in August 2020, coincided with the 25th anniversary of the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

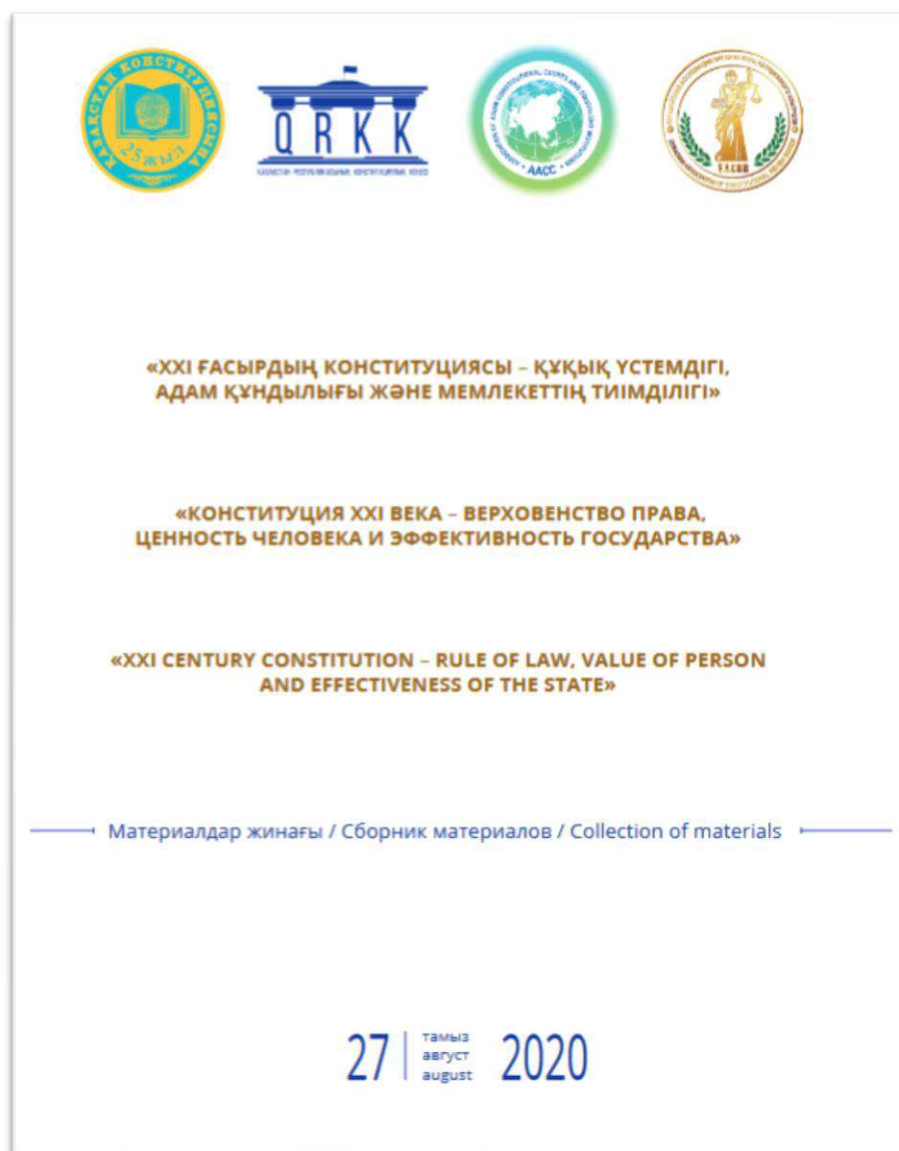
The Constitutional Council of Kazakhstan carried out proper preparatory work for the IV Congress of the Association. This process included the following steps:

- preparation of information materials about the upcoming Congress, creation of the Association section on the website of the Constitutional Council;



- sending of invitations to the Congress participants in advance;
- preparation of the agenda and program of the Congress;
- technical support of the forum (selection of an online platform, test connections of members, etc.);
- preparation of special materials about the Congress (video clip, badge, flag, medal, press releases, minutes, draft documents, etc.);
- preparation and publication of the Collection of materials of the IV Congress with subsequent distribution to the AACC member countries through diplomatic channels, as well as its placement in electronic format on the website of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan (<http://ksrk.gov.kz/>).





Following the results of the preparatory work, the IV Congress entitled “XXI Century Constitution – the Rule of law, the Value of Person and Effectiveness of the State” was held online on August 27, 2020 in the capital of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nur-Sultan. It was attended by AACC members, representatives of state organizations of Kazakhstan, authoritative international organizations, constitutional review bodies of foreign countries and prominent academics and public figures. The international Forum was opened by Chairman of Constitutional Council Kairat Mami, who emphasized the importance of the Congress for the development of the Association and strengthening cooperation between its members.



The President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mr. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev made a welcoming speech in the plenary session. The Head of state noted that this year marks the 25th anniversary of the Constitution of Kazakhstan. The Constitutional Council plays an important role in implementing the provisions of the Basic Law. This year, the Constitutional Council of Kazakhstan chairs the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and the Eurasian Association of Constitutional Review Bodies. It is symbolic that the Council's implementation of such prestigious and responsible missions coincides with the anniversary year.



Kairat Mami read out the welcoming speech of the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan - Elbasy Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev. It states that “the Basic Law established a fair and balanced combination of the achievements of world civilization and Kazakhstan’s values, and became the foundation of the State structure’s pyramid. Having chosen a strategy for the progressive development of the country for the benefit of the whole society, all these years we have been following the unconditional adherence to the spirit and letter of the Constitution”.

Foreign guests also made welcoming speeches: Mr. Gianni Buquicchio - President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law of the Council of Europe (Venice Commission), Mr. Zholymbet Baishev - Chairman of the Court of the Eurasian Economic Union, Ms. Frauke Bachler - General Director of the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation and Mr. György Szabó - Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Nur-Sultan. The Congress program consisted of three sessions dedicated to the role of the Constitution in ensuring the rule of law, protection of constitutional human rights and democratic values in the digital transformation era, as well as the constitutional principles of modernization of a modern and efficient state.



Leading lawyers from all over the world discussed topical issues of further constitutional and legal development, including the coronavirus pandemic. They represented such international bodies as the OSCE, the Council of Europe, the Venice Commission, the World Conference on Constitutional Justice, the EAEU Court, the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation, the German Society for International Cooperation and others. Among the speakers were the heads of the constitutional justice bodies of Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Germany, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Myanmar, Moldova, Mongolia, Pakistan, Poland, Russia, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Ukraine.



As a result of the Congress, according to the Statute of the Association, the **Nur-Sultan Declaration** was adopted. In closing the Meeting, the President of the Association noted that by joint efforts we would continue to develop the Association, the potential of which ultimately serves to strengthen the rule of law in our countries and beyond.



**NUR-SULTAN DECLARATION OF THE FOURTH CONGRESS
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS AND
EQUIVALENT INSTITUTIONS**

We, the Members of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (hereinafter - AACC), held the Fourth Congress on 27 August, 2020 in Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan, under the general theme "The XXI Century Constitution – the Rule of Law, the Value of Person and the Effectiveness of the State".

Eventhough for the first time, the AACC Congress was held via video conference, it was still met with great enthusiasm and it was attended by delegates of the constitutional courts and equivalent institutions of the AACC members-states, as well as representatives of international organizations and other groups of constitutional courts / institutions based on a regional or linguistic principle as observers and guests. The Congress provided everyone a wonderful opportunity to exchange experience and fruitful discussions on topical issues related to the establishment of the rule of law, mechanisms for the promotion and protection of constitutional rights of citizens, the role of constitutional courts and equivalent institutions in this process, as well as modernization of the state in response to modern challenges, in particular connected to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Considering the achievements of the past years and following the conclusions of this Congress, we declare the following:

1. We reaffirm that the Constitution is the Basic Law of the State. In an era of global changes and digital transformation ensuring the supremacy of the Constitution and the principle of the rule of law, strict adherence to its provisions, raising the level of the constitutional culture of society are indispensable conditions for the civilized and progressive development of any state that has embarked on the path of democratic modernization.

2. We believe that bodies of constitutional review play an important role in the implementation, development and protection of constitutional values.

Our common goal is to ensure the rule of law, protect human rights and the democratic foundations of society.

3. We recognize that modern challenges associated with the outbreak COVID-19 virus, as declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, have raised the need for a deep understanding of the international and national legal framework in terms of increasing their effectiveness in preventing and eliminating this threat.

We are confident that the improvement of legal mechanisms for ensuring the rights and implementation of the duties of citizens in such situations and the formation of safe conditions for the life of society including the intensification of digital technologies usage in the administration of justice are of importance.

In addition, we express our common solidarity and readiness to support each other in this temporary difficult period and make every effort to preserve the inviolability of the most important legal values through the instruments of constitutional justice.

4. We support the need to further develop cooperation at the international and regional levels with a view to joining efforts in finding answers to global challenges, in particular, climate changes, that have a serious impact on democratic principles, the protection of human rights and the rule of law. For that purpose we express our interest in considering enhancing cooperation with European Commission for Democracy through Law of the Council of Europe (Venice Commission), the World Conference on Constitutional Justice (WCCJ), other regional and linguistic groups of constitutional courts and equivalent institutions. This interest includes a full support for AACC members who are willing to be the host of upcoming WCCJ Congress or other global forum. We also express our support to such fundamental principles of international law as inadmissibility of violation of territorial integrity, inviolability of borders and peaceful resolution of conflicts.

5. The AACC unanimously supports the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia's offer to host the 5th Congress of WCCJ in 2022.

6. The AACC is open for accession to the constitutional control bodies of Asian countries that share the goals of the Association. We call on other constitutional courts and equivalent institutions in Asia to join us and jointly address the challenges of upholding the principles of constitutionalism in the region. In this connection, we welcome the accession to AACC of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.

7. Expressing our sincere appreciation to the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the successful holding of the Fourth Congress of the AACC, the Board of Members welcomes the continuation of Kazakhstan's presidency over the coming year.

Adopted on this Twenty Seventh Day of August in the Year Two
Thousand and Twenty in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

President of AACC


Kairat MAMI

Statutory events and key decisions: second year of the presidency

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1. Meeting of the Secretaries General was held on August 26, 2021 and chaired by Mr. Bakyt Nurmukhanov, the Secretary General of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Head of the AACC Host Secretariat, with the participation of delegations from 16 countries.

The participants of the meeting noted that constructive interaction on a permanent basis of the structural units of the members of the Association makes a significant contribution to its development, especially during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The delegates discussed the draft documents planned for adoption at the Board of Members Meeting, the issues of admission to the Association of the Constitutional Court of Jordan, transferring the Presidency mission to the Constitutional Court of Mongolia. The Permanent Secretariats of the Association, based in Indonesia, Korea and Turkey, informed the participants about the work done during the year.





2. Board of Members Meetings were held online on August 26 and 27, 2021 and chaired by Mr. Kairat Mami, Chairman of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Acting President of the AACC. As a result of constructive interaction, the following decisions were taken by the meeting participants:

•Publication of the Annual report on the Presidency in the Association

Last year, the Annual Report of Kazakhstan's Presidency in the Association for the period 2019-2020 was prepared and published. This initiative was positively received by the members of the Association. In this regard, in the future, on an annual basis, the President of the Association is proposed to send a report on the activities performed to the members of the organization and to the Secretariat for Planning and Coordination to publish it on the website.



The meeting participants voted unanimously to approve this order, noting that it could serve as a good guide in the future and the regular publication of the report would be very relevant and useful.

• **Accession to the Association of the Constitutional Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**

The principle of openness of the Association, and, consequently, the possibility of its expansion is set out in the organization's Statute. The Constitutional Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has expressed interest in joining the AACC.

The Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan received the necessary information and documents from the Secretariat for Planning and Coordination in Indonesia, which carried out significant preparatory work.

The application of the Constitutional Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan was supported by almost all members of the Association. The Judge of the Constitutional Court of Jordan, Ms. Taghreed Hikmet, thanked everyone for the trust and assured that the Constitutional Court would make every effort to implement the goals of the Association.

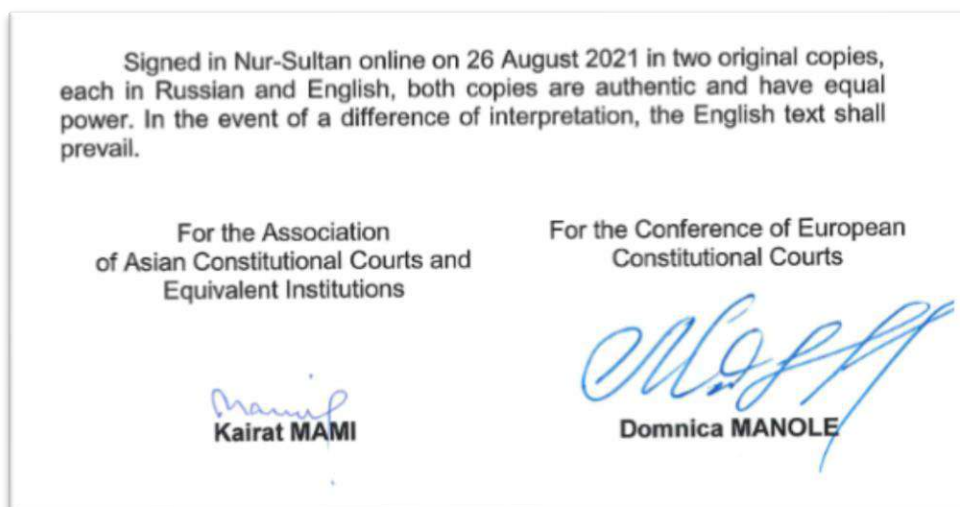
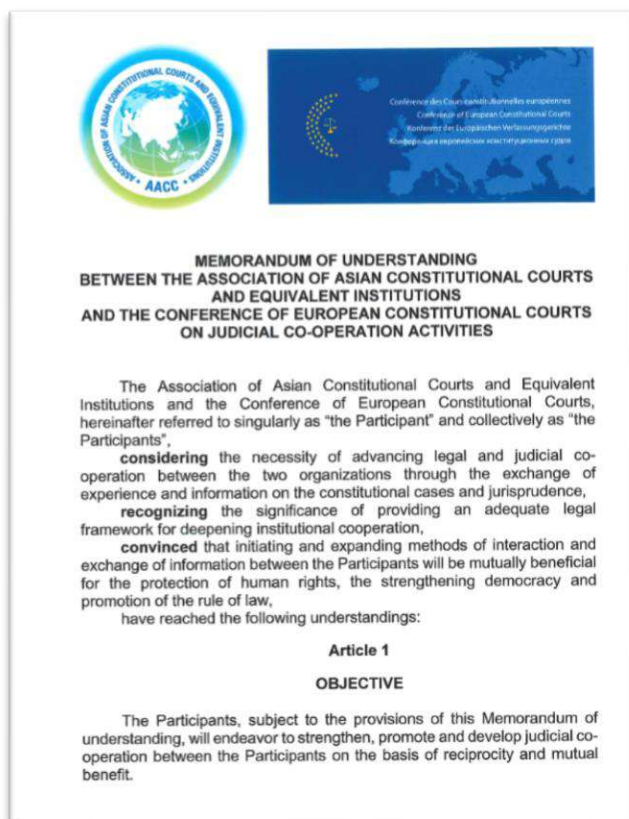


• **Signing the Memorandum of Understanding with with Conference of European Constitutional Courts**

The promotion of the Association's cooperation with other international and regional bodies is among the priorities of the Constitutional Council as President of AACC. Like last year, the Constitutional Council of Kazakhstan made efforts to promote such cooperation and initiated the signing of a

Memorandum of Understanding with the Conference of European Constitutional Courts.

On the air, the President of the Association, Mr. Kairat Mami, signed the Memorandum on behalf of the AACC. On behalf of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts, the Memorandum was signed by the President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova, Ms. Domnica Manole. The signing of this document will contribute to the intensification of cooperation between associations on judicial and legal issues and is an important step in the development of interaction between the constitutional practices of Europe and Asia.



The Reports of the Permanent Secretariats based in Indonesia, Korea and Turkey were also presented during the Board of Members Meeting and Meeting of the Secretaries General.

• **Permanent Secretariat for Planning and Coordination (Indonesia)**

The Secretary General of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia, Mr. Guntur Hamza, delivered out the performance report for the period of September 2020 to August 2021. One of the important directions in the work of the Secretariat is to support a communication platform for the effective exchange of information between the Association's liaison officers, as well as to coordinate the work on posting information on the official website of the Association. The active participation of Kazakhstan, South Korea, Turkey and Thailand in updating the information on the website was noted. The remaining member states were recommended to optimize the work on posting information on the organization's website.

The Secretariat pays special attention to the issue of expanding the membership of the Association. Thus, the Secretariat sent invitations to the constitutional jurisdiction bodies of Nepal, Jordan, and Armenia.

The result of this year's efforts was the accession of the Constitutional Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

The Secretariat also informed the participants that it had issued the first volume of the newsletter in September 2020 and a Collection of International Short Courses for 2017-2019.



- **Permanent Secretariat for Research and Development (Korea)**

The Secretary General of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Jongmun Park, presented a detailed report on the activities of this Secretariat. The goal of the Secretariat is to conduct comparative constitutional research within the framework of the AACC.

The Secretariat has newly set up an online platform for exchanging knowledge, which is the “AACC Forum”, which aims to ensure a permanent multilateral communication channel. With regard to the conference, an international symposium is planned to be held on 10 to 11 November 2021 online. Also, this year, the SRD made the period of secondment flexible by allowing it to be shorter than six months hoping to host more seconded officers from AACC members.

The Secretariat has published three volumes since 2018 and will have completed a new book titled “Constitutional Rights and AACC Members” at the end of this year. The research materials and information are available on the SRD’s official website as well as the newly launched Facebook page, that provides research materials suited to the format of social media. The database in the website includes legal texts, profiles of AACC members, a growing collection of cases, and archive material.



- **Center for Training and Human Resources Development (Turkey)**

The Secretary General of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Turkey, Mr. Murat Şen, informed the Board of Members about the activities of the Center for Training and Human Resources Development. He said that the Constitutional Court of Turkey has been successfully conducting Summer School programs for the representatives of the Association members for several years. The 8th summer school on the issues of

restricting human rights and freedoms in health emergencies was held in September 2020 via video conference.

In September this year, the 9th Summer School under the theme “The current problems in execution of justice” will be held as well online. This program creates a platform for the exchange of knowledge and discussion of topical issues in the field of human rights protection.

The Secretariat demonstrated a video film on the Summer School program.

Mr. Şen informed about the plans to create a corresponding section on the Court's website.



In addition, the issues of the Association's participation in the 5th Congress of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice were discussed

at the Board of Members Meeting. The Constitutional Court of Indonesia demonstrated a video film on preparations for this forum. Mr. Mami informed that the President of the Constitutional Courts of Turkey, Korea and Chief Justice of Indonesia have been nominated by the Association for the positions of key speakers of the Congress. A corresponding letter has been sent to the Secretariat of the World Conference, where a decision will be made on these candidates. The Secretary General of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice, Mr. Schnuts Dürr, spoke on the preparations for the Congress and noted that the Asian Association is a dynamically developing regional organization for constitutional justice, the Venice Commission appreciates its active participation in events aimed at promoting the principles of constitutionalism and the rule of law.



Moreover, the meeting participants discussed issues related to the further transfer of the Presidency mission. According to the preliminary

agreement reached in Indonesia in 2017, after Mongolia, the presidency of the Association is transferred to the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand. The Judge of the Constitutional Court of Thailand, Mr. Udchachon, confirmed the Court's readiness to become the President of the Association after Mongolia in the period 2023-2025.

The delegation of the Constitutional Court of Indonesia made a proposal to transfer the presidency mission to the Constitutional Court of Uzbekistan after Thailand. The head of the delegation of the Constitutional Court of Uzbekistan said that this proposal was taken into account and the results of its consideration will be reported later.



3. International Symposium of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions

On August 27, 2021, the International Symposium entitled “The Internet Era: The Rule of Law, the Values of Person, the State Independence”, dedicated to the 30th anniversary of Independence and the Constitution Day of the Republic of Kazakhstan was held a hybrid format. It was attended by members of the AACC, the Heads of Kazakhstan’s State bodies, representatives of authoritative international organizations, constitutional review bodies of foreign countries, as well as well-known legal scholars.



The International Symposium was opened by the Chairman of the Constitutional Council Kairat Mami, who noted that in any state, independence is a national value. The current Constitution of the Republic has finally formalized the contours of independence and created favorable conditions for the accelerated development of all spheres.

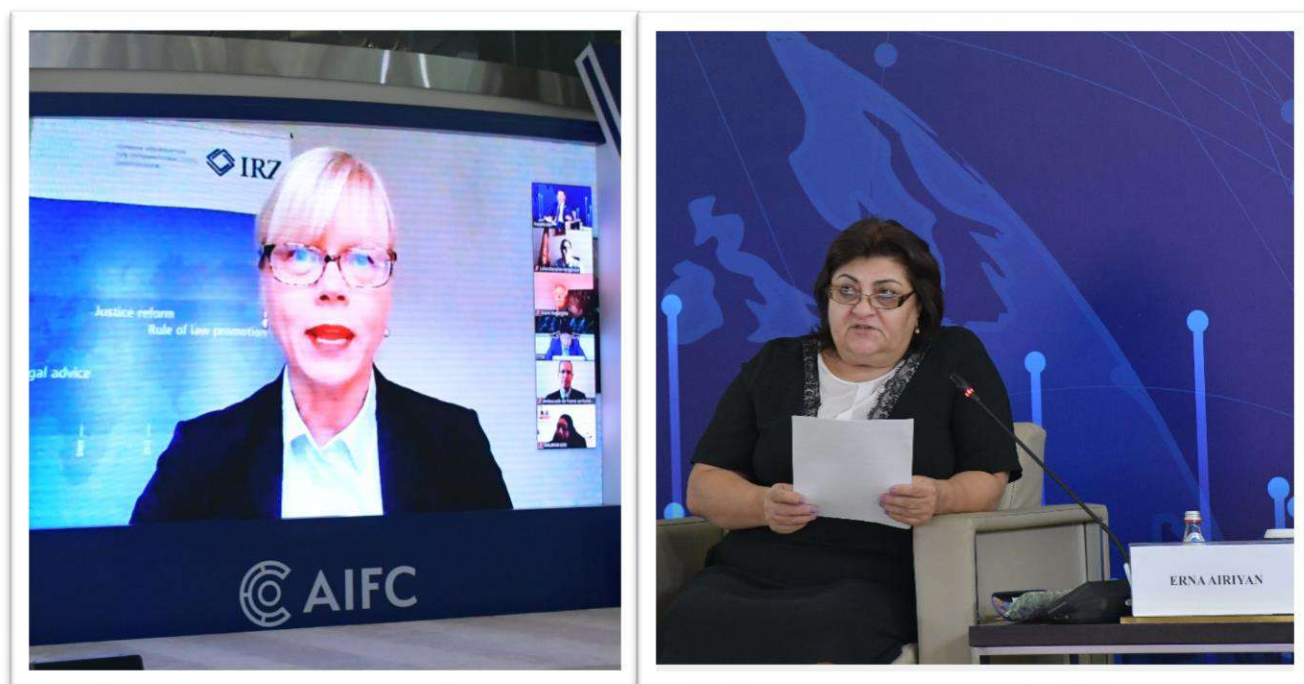
The congratulations of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kassym- Jomart Tokayev was of particular importance. It states that the development of the State takes place on the basis of the Constitution, in full conformity with its letter and spirit. All major achievements on the way of the modern State and civil society are based on the Basic Law adopted by the will of the people. Noting the relevance of the topic of the Symposium, the

Head of State emphasized that the scale and speed of digital development pose serious challenges to the international community - to ensure the observance of fundamental human and civil rights and freedoms, protect their legitimate interests, eliminate digital inequality, and preserve the digital independence of society and the state.



Gianni Buquicchio, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law of the Council of Europe (Venice Commission); Erna Airiyan, Chairman of the Court of the Eurasian Economic Union, and Frauke Bachler, General Director of the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation also addressed the forum participants with welcoming words.





The work of the Symposium was held in three sessions devoted to issues of digitalization and national sovereignty, guarantees of human rights and freedoms on the Internet, as well as increasing the responsibility of state bodies to society and individuals.

Leading lawyers from all continents of the world have exchanged experience on the subject, discussed existing problems and ways to resolve them. They represented such international structures as the OSCE, the Council of Europe, the Venice Commission, the World Conference on Constitutional Justice, the EAEU Court, the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation, the German Society for International Cooperation, the International Union of Lawyers and others.



Speakers are the Presidents and Judges of the constitutional justice bodies of Azerbaijan, Algeria, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bulgaria, Germany, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Malaysia, Morocco, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, France and other countries.



The results of the Forum were summed up by the Chairman of the Constitutional Council Kairat Mami.

Forum participants are unanimous that the Constitution is the basis of Independence and contains the basic elements of statehood.

In the context of the digitalization of the economy, governance and other segments of social life, law becomes the object of the influence of modern technologies, which makes it necessary to rethink, to a certain extent, previously established concepts and institutions. In this process, the Basic Law of the State defines the fundamental principles that must be taken into account within the framework of a digital civilization.

First and foremost, information technology should serve to enhance the implementation of constitutional human rights. The pandemic period had showed that digital tools had enabled the population to maintain its basic standard of living at a difficult time.

In their opinion, the constitutional review bodies play an important role in the implementation, development and protection of constitutional values. The world's leading legal scholars support the need to further strengthen cooperation in order to find solutions to global challenges.



Ceremony of transferring the Presidency mission to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Mongolia

The International Symposium was the culmination of the mission of the Constitutional Council of Kazakhstan as the President of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions. At the end of the event, the Association's flag was handed over to the Constitutional Court of Mongolia, which was attended by the Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Indonesia, Korea, Mongolia and Turkey in Kazakhstan, along with members of the AACC.

As part of the ceremony of transferring the position of President of the Association in a solemn atmosphere, the flag of the Association was handed over by Mr. Kairat Mami to the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Battulga, for further transfer to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Mongolia.



The Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia, Mr. Namjil, expressed his gratitude to the Constitutional Council of Kazakhstan for the excellent organization of the meetings of the Association and the International Symposium, congratulated on the Constitution Day and the 30th anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Mr. Namjil noted that he was very pleased with such a high and responsible mission of the presidency in the Asian Association and assured that he would make every effort to further unleash the potential of the organization. Mr. Namjil also informed that the presidency of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia coincides with the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Constitutional Court in 2022.



The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Battulga, congratulated the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the successful holding of the events and assured that the flag of the Association will be transferred to the Constitutional Court of Mongolia in the nearest term.

The members of the Association congratulated the Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia and wished him successful and fruitful presidency, expressed their readiness to provide the necessary support in implementing the tasks and goals of the Association.





Outcomes of the Presidency of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the AACC

Kazakhstan held the presidency during the COVID-19 pandemic declared by the World Health Organization. Nevertheless, despite the difficulties encountered, it had been possible to carry out major activities under the Statute together. The mutual support of the members, the close cooperation of the Host Secretariat and the Permanent Secretariats and digital technology have ensured the smooth functioning of the Association.

Knowledge and experience were shared in the field of constitutional review, the development of democracy and the establishment of the rule of law.

Through joint efforts, the following key results have been achieved:

1. The 4th Congress of the Association was held in 2020. It was first organized using digital technologies, with the adoption of the Nur-Sultan Declaration.

2. Amendments have been made to the Statute of the Association, contributing to the efficiency of the interaction's mechanism between its members.

3. Two new members have been admitted into our midst. In 2020, we warmly welcomed the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. This year, the twentieth member of the Association - the Constitutional Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, joined.

4. Guided by the strategic orientation of the Association, Kazakhstan's Presidency throughout its mission made efforts to strengthen cooperation with other international and regional organizations. Two Memorandums of Understanding have been concluded: with the Eurasian and European associations.

5. The annual report of Kazakhstan's Presidency in the Association was published. This initiative found support from other members. We have made the symbols of the Association - a flag, a badge and a medal.

Permanent Secretariats based in Indonesia, Korea and Turkey provided strong support to the Constitutional Council in the implementation of these and other activities.

Conclusion

Summing up the results of the second year and the entire mission of the Presidency of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and equivalent institutions, it should be noted that the Kazakhstan's presidency continued the line of strengthening the AACC, its potential in the Asian region.

As the President of the Association, the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan was guided by the motto “**Dialogue, partnership, consensus and success**”. By focusing efforts on the formation and support of a sustainable and fruitful dialogue, striving to strengthen partnerships with other international and regional organizations, expanding the horizons of the rule of law, we were able to achieve certain results through joint efforts.

The Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan congratulates and wishes the next President, the Constitutional Court of Mongolia, great success in the further development of the Association, whose potential ultimately serves to strengthen constitutional values.

