



### DECISION III

The Circle of Presidents, gathered in Vienna to prepare the XVI<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts,

unanimously decides

1. The theme of the XVI<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts: "Co-operation of Constitutional Courts in Europe – Current Situation and Perspectives" (Art. 9 para. 2 lit. c Statute).
2. That the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria will draft a questionnaire, listing the essential aspects of the theme and serving as a basis for the preparation of the national reports (Art. 3 Conference Regulations). The questionnaire will be sent to all members by 31 October 2012.
3. That the members submit their national reports in their respective languages as well as in French or English (Art. 12 para. 4 Conference Regulations) in electronic form (by e-mail to: [CECC-Kongress2014@vfgg.gv.at](mailto:CECC-Kongress2014@vfgg.gv.at)) by 30 September 2013 (Art. 3 Conference Regulations). A summary is to be attached to each of these reports to permit the timely drafting of a general report. The national reports and their summaries will be published both on the website of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria and on the permanent website of the CECC maintained by the Constitutional Court of Belgium.
4. That Prof. Christoph Grabenwarter, Judge at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria, be appointed to serve as general rapporteur of the XVI<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts (Art. 3 Conference Regulations).
5. That the sessions of the XVI<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts be organized in accordance with the preliminary programme sent to the members together with the invitation of 21 May 2012 (Art. 4 Conference Regulations): The first session will be dedicated to the presentation of the main

theme – including prepared contributions to the discussion. The general report is to be available in writing by that time, with keynote papers on the sub-themes – followed by plenary discussions – to be delivered in the subsequent sessions. The Congress will conclude with a session comprising the presentation of the results and a plenary discussion.

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