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Re. Congress on the Criminal Law Reforms in the World and in Turkey

Dear Sir/Madam,

Beginning in the 1980's, a comprehensive criminal law reform process took place in Turkey including the Turkish Criminal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Law on Execution of Punishments and Preventive Measures all of which entered into force on June 1, 2005. In the same period Law on Misdemeanors and Child Protection Law were also passed as completely new Laws. Besides these major changes, auxiliary laws were also amended so as to harmonize the whole criminal law system.

Now that five years have elapsed, we would like to evaluate the reforms and their implementation. We thought to do this with an International Congress and to be able to continue with the reform process we wanted to discuss it with our colleagues from different parts of the world. The aim is to obtain their objective criticisms and also to profit from their experiences. Some countries might have already done their reforms and some may still be in the reform process. We thought that exchanging ideas would be beneficial for everyone especially for us.

The Congress plans to discuss the rationale of reforms, the impact of criminological research and findings, general reform principles, its effects on the practice and what more should be done. At the end of the Congress, we hope to prepare a national report so as to guide us in the future reforms.

The Congress is planned to take place on May 26-June 4, 2010:

-May 26-27, Criminal Procedure Law

-May 28-June 4, Criminal Law and Criminology

In this context;

- a. Could you kindly inform us whether you will attend to congress or not?
- b. If you will attend to congress, could you please inform us whether you could prepare a Country Report on the amendment of criminal codes in your country or not? The outline of the country report will soon be forwarded to you.

We would be very pleased and honoured if you participate in the Congress called Criminal Law Reforms in the World and in Turkey,

Awaiting your reply, we are Dear Sir/Madam,

Yours Sincerely

In The Name of the Congress Organization Committee,

Prof. Dr. Adem SÖZÜER

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P.S. Travel and hotel expenses will be paid by the Congress Organization

RSVP: As early as possible

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