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**THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF SPAIN HOSTS THE 6TH
CONGRESS OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON CONSTITUTIONAL
JUSTICE 90 COUNTRIES MEET THIS WEEK IN MADRID TO
GUARANTEE AND DEFEND THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF FUTURE
GENERATIONS**

The Constitutional Court of Spain is hosting the 6th Congress of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice, which is being held in Madrid under the theme *Human Rights of Future Generations*. The congress brings together 90 constitutional courts and bodies from all continents to defend and promote the rule of law, democracy and constitutional jurisdiction with the aim of fostering sound strategies to ensure a sustainable and just future.

During five working sessions, the Conference will focus on addressing intergenerational challenges related to the preservation of natural resources, the environment and climate change, the preservation of humanity's cultural heritage, access to scientific knowledge and new technologies, and the independence of Constitutional Courts.

The President of the Constitutional Court of Spain, Mr Cándido Conde-Pumpido Tourón, explained that the objective of the international meeting is *"to develop innovative solutions to safeguard the rights and opportunities of future generations, so that these are not sacrificed for the interests of the present time"*. He also defended the role that constitutional justice plays and will play in *"guaranteeing the dignity of people, of those who make up society today, but also of those who will come"*.

The congress, which will be held in the specially designed Pavilion 12 of IFEMA Madrid, is co-organised with the Venice Commission, an advisory body to the Council of Europe on constitutional matters. The World Conference aims to consolidate effective legal frameworks, practical ideas and strategies, through dialogue and judicial collaboration and the exchange of experiences, for sustainable development, cultural preservation, scientific progress and judicial independence.

The working sessions will analyse the challenges posed by technological advances, such as risks to privacy and personal freedoms, protection against the misuse of personal data, intrusive surveillance technologies or the ethics of artificial intelligence, among other issues.

Finally, there will be a session dedicated to the independence of Constitutional Courts, which will be chaired by President Conde-Pumpido Tourón. This topic is included in all the congresses held by the Conference due to its importance and the frequent threats received by some of its members. It is a pillar of constitutional justice that protects the courts and enables them to fulfil their functions as impartial arbiters of the law and guarantors of citizens' rights. To this end, the session will examine the pressures faced by constitutional courts around the world, mechanisms for enforcing judicial decisions and strategies for circumventing attacks on their independence.

The meeting will conclude on Thursday 30 with the General Assembly of the World Conference, with the participation of all the Member Courts and Jurisdictions, and with the closing ceremony, which will be presided over by His Majesty the King of Spain.

“The holding of the 6th Conference in Madrid is a recognition of the Spanish Constitutional Court and confirms its prestige in the international arena. It highlights the work that has been done for 45 years regarding the protection of human rights, constitutional guarantees and the consolidation of the rule of law in our country”, said the President while stressing that *“it is a magnificent opportunity and an honour to show the world that Spain is an advanced democracy, a society that respects fundamental rights. It is a source of joy and pride.”*

The World Conference on Constitutional Justice (WCCJ) brings together 124 Constitutional Courts, Councils, and Supreme Courts from Africa, America, Asia, Australia/Oceania, and Europe. It promotes constitutional justice as a key element for democracy, the protection of human rights, and the rule of law.

Its origin dates back to 1996, from the informal cooperation between the Venice Commission and some regional associations such as the Conference of European Constitutional Courts, the Ibero-American Conference of Constitutional Justice and the Union of Arab Constitutional Courts and Councils. This informal cooperation led to the organisation of the first Congress in 2009, hosted by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of South Africa. Four more have been held since then, in Rio de Janeiro (2011), Seoul (2014), Vilnius (2017) and Bali (2022). At the latter, President Cándido Conde-Pumpido Tourón was the representative of the Spanish Constitutional Court. The Spanish Court was unanimously elected as host in March 2023 in Venice at the Executive Bureau Meeting of the World Conference.

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