

Dear Colleagues,

A number of you have written to us with regard to plans for organization of the 2022 Conference of Chief Justices of Central and Eastern Europe, to be held in Baku. It is clear from the communications that participants uniformly object to the participation of the Supreme Court of Russia in that conference. The CEELI Institute concurs in that view. Let me clearly state: we will not participate in or support the conference if the Supreme Court of Russia is involved.

The CEELI Institute is currently involved in many efforts to support Ukrainians as they struggle under the current assaults. These include efforts to directly assist with refugees as well as with legal efforts to support applications to relevant international fora on the grounds that these hostilities violate all norms of international law. We stand ready to assist the Ukrainian Supreme Court as we are best able, and to assist the other Supreme Courts of the region.

With kindest personal regards,



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