Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the numerous staff of the Ukrainian prosecutors, I have the honour to invite you to visit the ancient Ukrainian city of Lviv, where the Fourth Regional Conference for Prosecutors from Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia will be held from 9th to 11th of November 2008.

The main theme of the forthcoming Conference: “The Prosecutor and Human Rights”, is caused by the requirements of nowadays and determined by the necessity of ensuring the supremacy of law, protection of human rights and freedoms, which is the main obligation of the prosecuting bodies. During the event the participants will be able to discuss issues on the role of the prosecutor’s office in the system of ensuring rights and freedoms of a person and citizen by the State, its powers and tasks in this direction, the observance of human rights during investigation of crimes and treatment with prisoners. The participants will also have a possibility to exchange the experience and to strengthen the professional contacts with the prosecutors from Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

The representatives of public prosecutor’s offices of more than 30 countries are invited to participate in the Conference as well as representatives of several international organizations, mainly of a professional character, or whose main functions are to protect human rights and freedoms.

As the venue for the Forum the city of Lviv has been chosen. This city is a bright example of the preservation of the historical and cultural heritage, as well as a model of the unique combination of age-old multi-national traditions.

The programme of the event provides the sightseeing tour around the ancient city of Lviv, founded in the 13th century by the king Danylo Galytsky and situated in the western part of Ukraine at the hills of the High Castle, with its famous historical centre included on the list of the world heritage of UNESCO.

I have no doubt that the main objective of the Conference will be achieved and your stay in Ukraine will be enjoyable and memorable.

Yours sincerely,

Oleksandr Medvedko
CONFERENCE INFORMATION

CONFERENCE THEME
The Prosecutor and Human Rights
This topic has been chosen following intensive connections between countries of the region, the internal policy of which is aimed at the protection of human rights and freedoms.

CONFERENCE DATES
Sunday, 9 November to Tuesday, 11 November 2008

HOST
The Prosecutor General’s Office of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Association of Prosecutors in affiliation with the International Association of Prosecutors.

WORKING LANGUAGES
The working languages of the Conference are Ukrainian, English and Russian.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
The organizers reserve the right to amend the thematic and time schedule outlined in the programme. The participants are kindly asked to arrive in Lviv on 9 November 2008 and register for the Conference by 7:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE WEB-LINK
www.iap.nl.com
CONFERENCE VENUE & ACCOMODATION
The Fourth Regional Conference for Prosecutors from Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia countries will take place at the Suputnyk Hotel. The hotel is located 10 minutes by car from the sightseeing center of the city. The Conference Host has reserved necessary number of rooms at the Suputnyk Hotel. Room rate including breakfast is up to 75 Euros for a single room accommodation.

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• Prosecutor General’s Office of Ukraine (Tel: +380 (44) 288-91-79, 200-78-49 (Russian & English); 254-31-80 (for Russian-speaking persons), fax: +380 (44) 280-28-51, e-mail: ilrd@gp.gov.ua).
PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Sunday, 9 November
10:00 — 19:00 Registration and check in at the Suputnyk Hotel
19:00 Official reception

Monday, 10 November
09:30 — 10:00 Opening Ceremony
(opening speeches)
10:00 — 11:15 Working Session I:
“Roles and responsibilities of the prosecutor’s office in the protection of human rights and freedoms”
Topics for discussion are: implementation of generally recognised international regulations and standards in national legislation; standards of public associations of prosecutors and international organisations; similarities and differences between prosecution and judicial powers of protection; interaction between the prosecutor’s office and the Ombudsman, other state bodies, international and public organisations; decisions of the European Court of Human Rights; training of prosecutors; exchanging experiences; perspectives for development.
11:15 — 11:45 Refreshment break
11:45 — 13:00 Continuation of Working Session I
13:00 — 13:05 Collective photo of all participants
13:05 — 14:30 Lunch
14:30 — 15:30 Working Session II:
“The Prosecutor and human rights outside the sphere of criminal justice”
Topics for discussion are: powers of the prosecutor’s office in assuring human rights outside the sphere of criminal justice; powers of the prosecutor in the protection of human rights and freedoms within economic, social, political and other areas of public life; accessibility to a prosecutor; prosecutor’s role in the consideration of applications and reparation for breaches of human rights; legal force and effectiveness of action taken by prosecution bodies for the protection of human rights; exchanging experiences; perspectives for development.
15:30 — 16:00 Refreshment break
16:00 — 17:00 Continuation of Working Session II
19:00 — 21:30 Official reception
hosted by the Prosecutor General’s Office of Ukraine and the Prosecutor’s Office of Lviv region
Tuesday, 11 November

10:00 — 11:15  Working Session III:  
“Prosecutor’s role in the protection of human rights during the investigation of criminal matters and the judicial process”  
Topics for discussion are: initiation of a criminal matter and role of a prosecutor in ensuring its lawfulness; the prosecutor and human rights during detention and arrest; the prosecutor and human rights compliance during the investigative process and procedure; prosecution of a criminal charge and the protection of the rights of the parties; equality of arms between the prosecution and the defence in the criminal process; the prosecutor’s duty to assure the security and protection of participants within the criminal process; assurung victims’ rights; exchanging experiences; main problems arising in practice; new approaches and recommendations by international organizations for resolution.

11:15 — 11:45  Refreshment break

11:45 — 13:00  Continuation of Working Session III

13:00 — 14:30  Lunch

14:30 — 15:30  Working Session IV:  
“The Prosecutor’s role in the protection of prisoners’ rights and other persons subject to other compulsory sanctions”  
Topics for discussion are: international standards in this area; mutual relations between the prosecutor’s office, penitentiary institutions and public human rights organizations; role of the prosecutor’s office in assuring prisoners’ rights concerning prison conditions and health protection; problem solving-exchanging experiences.

15:30 — 16:00  Refreshment break

16:00 — 17:00  Continuation of Working Session IV

17:00 — 17:30  Conclusions of the Conference, closing remarks

18:30  Farewell Party  
hosted by the Ukrainian Association of Prosecutors

Wednesday, 12 November

10:00 — 14:00  Sightseeing tour in Lviv  
(sightseeing historic and cultural places of interest in the city)

from 14:00  Departure of participants
LIMITATION
The number of participants is limited to a maximum of 100, and the Conference Host reserves the right to limit the number of participants from any country in order to maintain the balance of regional representation. All places on the Conference will be distributed on a “first-come, first-served” basis.

REGISTRATION FEES
The registration fee is 75 Euros per a participant. It covers all the items mentioned in the programme: official lunches & dinners, coffee breaks, transfer from/to the airport, sightseeing tour programme etc. It does not cover travel costs and accommodation.

PAYMENT
Payment of registration fee should be made in Euros by bank transfer to:
Recipient: All-Ukrainian non-governmental organization “Ukrainian Association of Prosecutors”, 26 Bogdana Khmelnytskogo Str., Kyiv, Ukraine
EDRPOU code: (the Unified State Register of Ukrainian Companies) 33447273,
Account number: 26001001981501 at the Kyiv Joint-Stock Company “Indexbank”,
MFO bank code: 300614 (bank details: JSC “INDEXBANK, Legal address:
41, O. Gonchara Str. 01034 Kiev, Ukraine, SWIFT: INEJ UA UK)
through correspondent bank: Deutsche Bank AG Frankfurt am Main, Germany, SWIFT Code: DEUTDEFF, account number – 947499000.

Payment of registration fee is also possible upon arrival in Lviv in cash on site.

Completed registration forms should be returned by fax number +380 (44) 280-28-51 or e-mail: ilrd@gp.gov.ua.
ARRIVAL
It is possible to arrive in Lviv by different means of transportation such as plane, train or bus. The organizers will arrange the meeting and transfer of all participants from the airport/railway station/bus terminal to the hotel upon arrival and back for departure at the expense of the registration fee.

Note: Direct flights to Lviv are from Frankfurt, Barcelona, Madrid, Vienna, Athens, Rome, Warsaw, Timisoara, Naples, Varna, Moscow, Tbilisi, Antalya, Kyiv. (The provisional schedule of flights from Lviv’s airport is enclosed to registration documents).

INSURANCE
The delegates shall bear full responsibility for their own travel, medical and any other insurance.

CANCELLATION
Cancellations made before 29 October 2008 give the right to participants for full refund of the registration fee. No payment will be refunded in the case of cancellations made after this date.
The social programme for participants of the Conference will be organized by the Ukrainian Association of Prosecutors. This programme will include official receptions in combination with national performances.

Besides, the participants of the Conference will have the opportunity to see the sights of Lviv such as the Lviv Opera and Ballet Theatre, St.Yura’s Cathedral, Market Square, Arsenal Museum and other historical monuments (www.lviv.ua).
REGISTRATION FORM

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Lviv, 9-11 November 2008

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Please indicate in the payment order that the transferred sum is the “Conference registration fee”. Please, attach to this registration form the copy of the payment order.
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