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PRESS RELEASE

Conference of the Association of Mediterranean Ombudsmen (AOM) in Cyprus

The Greek Ombudsman, Mr. Andreas Pottakis, President of the AOM since June 2018, gave a speech on the Venice Commission's Principles to the recently held Conference of the Association of Mediterranean Ombudsmen.

Mr. Pottakis said that the Venice Principles, as developed by the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe, shall be the guiding text defining how the Ombudsmen in all European countries shall operate and be safeguarded. "It is of crucial importance for the Ombudsmen Institutes as well as national jurisdictions, to highlight how Ombudsmen can contribute to the strengthening of democratic principles, transparency and the protection of human rights, elements of we all value dearly".

The conference brought together the Ombudsmen or their delegates from the 15 countries of the Mediterranean and of Europe, in particular Albania, France, Greece, Estonia, Ireland, Spain, Israel, Cyprus, North Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Wales, Hungary, Portugal and Serbia.

The event was hosted in Nicosia by Ms. Maria Stylianou-Lottidi, Cyprus's Commissioner for Administration and Human Rights.

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