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PROJECT'S CLOSING CEREMONY

**“The establishment of an Independent Court Service
and the Re-engineering of Court Registries”**

18th January 2023

Honourable Minister of Justice and Public Order,

Dear colleagues,

Dear speakers of the European Commission and of the
Council of Europe,

- Mr Daniele Dotto,
- Mr Frederic Dolt,
- Mr Tigran Karapetyan,
- Ms Elena Yurkina and
- Ms Adamantia Manta,

Dear Director of Reform and Cyprus Judicial Training
School,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you today to this closing ceremony which formally marks the completion of the Project for the Establishment of an Independent Courts Service and for the Re-engineering of the Court Registries.

As it has been emphasised on a number of occasions, the comprehensive Report of the Irish Experts of Ireland's Institute of Public Administration, carried out in cooperation with the Supreme Court, was the source that revealed the problems as well as the areas towards reforming Cyprus Justice.

This is, therefore, the reform map under which the effort to modernise Court Management by establishing an Independent Courts Service, falls. By creating an Independent Courts Service, the Supreme Court is essentially discharged from its administrative duties and

is subsequently able to concentrate on its judicial functions.

Today's ceremonial event is dedicated to presenting the project's outcomes and main achievements. There is no need for me to elaborate further; instead, I will give the floor to our distinguished expert speakers, who are to present, in detail, the project's individual activities, its outcomes and main achievements.

Concluding, I wish to express, on behalf of the Supreme Court, my sincere thanks to the European Commission and to the Council of Europe, for their funding and support, and for their significant contribution and help, in expert knowledge and expertise.