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04/12/2009 - CEPEJ delegation meets members of the Judiciary

A delegation from the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) of the Council of Europe had two meetings with members of the Judiciary on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd December 2009. The delegation was in Malta following a request made last year by the Chief Justice for an external audit of the judicial system and procedures with a view to improving working methods within the court system and reducing court delays. The CEPEJ delegation was made up of its Vice President Mr John Stacey (Head of Procedures and Jurisdiction within HM Court Service), Mr Jacques Buhler (Deputy General Secretary of the Swiss Federal Court), Mr Giacomo Oberto (Judge at the Court of Turin and Deputy Secretary General of the International Association of Judges) and Ms Muriel Decot (Secretary of the CEPEJ). The delegation from the Judiciary was led by the Chief Justice and included Mr Justice Geoffrey Valenzia from the Constitutional Court and the First Chamber of the Court of Appeal, Mr Justice Tonio Mallia from the Second Chamber of the Court of Appeal, Mr Justice Joseph Azzopardi, President of the General Jurisdiction Section of the Civil Court, Mr Justice Noel Cuschieri, President of the Family Section of the Civil Court, Judge Joseph D. Camilleri, Chairman of the Judicial Studies Committee, Senior Magistrate Dr Silvio Meli and Magistrate Dr Anthony Ellul. While in Malta the CEPEJ delegation had also meetings with the Chamber of Advocates and the Chamber of Legal Procurators, the Courts Administration, the Attorney General and with the registrars of the Arbitration Centre and the Mediation Centre.



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