## INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS Trial Observation Training Seminar in Moscow and Saint Petersburg Call for Applications

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) is organising two-day trial observation training seminars on 4-5 October in Moscow and 7-8 October in Saint Petersburg. Legal practitioners, NGOs and other interested professionals are invited to participate in the programme. Approximately 15 participants will take part in the seminar. The working language of the seminars is Russian.

The seminar will aim to provide practical skills on how to conduct trial observations, assess and analyse information and data obtained, and draft a final trial observation report. The seminar will address the legislative frameworks within which courts operate, including the structure and functioning of the judiciary; the compliance of these frameworks with international rule of law and human rights standards; the components and guarantees of the right to fair trial; observing proceedings within the courtroom and the conduct of meetings with the relevant authorities and other advocacy work outside the courtroom. Participants will be introduced to international standards of trial observations with a special focus on judicial independence.

The workshops will be led by an experienced trial observation trainer, and will include international experts from the ICJ international secretariat in Geneva and ICJ Norway.

Please send your application form together with your CV in Russian or in English to Róisín Pillay: <a href="mailto:roisin.pillay@icj.org">roisin.pillay@icj.org</a> or Temur Shakirov: <a href="mailto:temur.shakirov@icj.org">temur.shakirov@icj.org</a>

The venue of the seminar will be announced later.

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