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Bill on the Acceleration of Criminal Procedure

The Commission submitted to the Ministry of Justice a series of recommendations regarding the above Bill (later Law 3160/2003). The major issues are the following:

(a) The need to expand the protection afforded to suspects, taking fully into account the case law of the European Court of Human Rights in relation to article 6 of ECHR;

(b) The preservation of the right to appeal against judicial council decisions;

(c) Problems arising from the restriction of the right to appeal due to the increase of appealable sentencing limits. The Commission stressed that this new provision raises serious compatibility issues with ECHR and ICCPR;

(d) The restriction of grounds permitting annulment of *ultra vires* acts. The NCHR proposed the listing of the grounds to be indicative and not exhaustive.

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