

Russian Supreme Court Sits in Plenary Session over Web Conference

On 19 May 2020, the Plenary Session of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation gathered online for the first time in history. During the meeting that took place over a web conference, its participants discussed a draft of the Ruling “On Court Application of Norms of the Code of Administrative Judicial Procedure of the Russian Federation, Regulating Proceedings in a Court of Appeal”.

Only the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, Vyacheslav Lebedev, and the Secretary of the Plenary Session, Victor Momotov, were present in the courtroom, the other conference participants had remote access. In total, 89 judges of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation registered for the session, along with 16 other participants, including representatives of the Russian President and Government, of the Prosecutor General’s Office, Ministry of Justice, Federation Council and State Duma, as well as of the academia.

Following the discussion, the draft ruling was directed for follow-up revision to the editorial commission, which will also work via video link.

This practice has become a positive trend during the current pandemic: electronic technologies are actively developing now, which allows holding urgent sessions effectively and safely. This real-time communication system will be used more often in the future.

The photos from the session are available here:

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