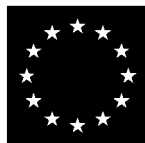




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**CONFERENCE
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SYNOPSIS

On 28 November to 1 December 2005, the Technical Co-operation unit of the Criminal Problems Department (Programme against corruption and organised crime in South-eastern Europe (PACO-Moldova) and the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe organised a conference on Council of Europe standards in the electoral field and funding of political parties, in co-operation with the Centre for Combating Economic Crime and Corruption, the Ministry of Justice and the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Moldova.

The Conference was opened by the Minister of Justice as well as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Parliament. Around 25 participants attended the Conference, including the Chairman and the Secretary General of the newly composed Central Electoral Commission, the Chair of the Centre for Combating Economic Crime and Corruption, members of Parliament, and chairs or representatives of political parties.

Mr Marcin Walecki, Council of Europe expert, presented a report on the “New law on funding of political parties”; Professor Hans-Heinrich Vogel, member of the Venice Commission in respect of Sweden and Mr Richard Ghevontian, Venice Commission expert, presented reports on “Financing of political parties, particularly during electoral periods” and “Electoral disputes, arisen during the pre-electoral period” respectively.

The new law on the funding of political parties has been adopted by the government and according to the calendar should be adopted by Parliament in Spring 2006.

The law could be implemented through trainings seminars on new reporting procedures and on electoral disputes, provided jointly by the Technical Co-operation Unit and the Venice Commission.