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**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE  
SUB-COMMISSION ON CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE  
(Venice, 8 June, 2006)**

The draft *vademecum* (overview) of the opinions of the Venice Commission in the field of Constitutional Justice prepared by the Secretariat of the Venice Commission was presented to the Sub-Commission for discussion on 8 June, 2006 (CDL-JU(2006)029).

The draft was welcomed by the Sub-Commission as a useful tool not only for members of the Commission preparing their comments on draft laws on the constitutional courts but also for drafters of constitutions and the laws themselves as well as for researchers in the above-mentioned field. The Sub-Commission agreed that such a document would also be useful in other fields dealt with by the Venice Commission.

The Sub-Commission decided that the document should continue to be based on citations rather than be presented in a narrative form and that it should include only texts that have been adopted by the Venice Commission (excluding individual comments of the members and Secretariat's memorandums).

Several remarks were made by the members as regards the structure of the document and particular aspects of the terminology used. It was decided to improve the structure and make several other changes. The Secretariat informed the Sub-Commission that it will continue to work on the *vademecum*'s structure and content and that it will remain "work in progress".

The necessity of the public availability of the document was stressed. It was noted that the *vademecum* should be published on the Venice Commission's website, where it should be regularly updated.

The members of the Sub-Commission will be invited to provide comments on a revised version of the document to be prepared by the Secretariat in a written procedure.