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APPENDIX

to the Opinion of the Venice Commission Working Group on the interpretation of certain provisions of the Constitution of the Republika Srpska (CDL (97) 28 rev.)

RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA

Article 72, as amended by amendment LX

"The President of the Republic can, after having heard the opinion of the Prime Minister and the President of the National Assembly, decide on the dissolution of the National Assembly".

Article 91

"The Government is elected for four years.

After each constitution of a newly elected National Assembly, a new Government shall be elected."

Article 94, paras 9 and 10, as amended

" A Government which has been voted no confidence, which has resigned or whose mandate has been revoked because of the dissolution of the National Assembly, shall remain in office until the lection of a new Government.

The President proposes within 10 days, a candidate for the position of the Prime Minister after ... the expiration of the previous Government due to the dissolution of the National Assembly. The new Government must be elected within 40 days after a candidate for the position of a new Prime Minister has been proposed."

Article 114

"The Government shall have the right to suspend the enforcement of a regulation, general or specific enactment, which it considers to be unconstitutional or unlawful, until the Constitutional Court has reached a decision ..."

Amendment XXXIX, as amended by amendment LX

" At the proposal of 30 deputies, the National Parliament (National Assembly) may shorten its mandate by two thirds majority of the total number of deputies.

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Should the National Assembly shorten its mandate or be dissolved, elections for a new parliament must be held within 60 days after the decision on mandate shortening. Elections are scheduled by the President of the Republic.

The mandate of the Government expires as well with the shortening of the National Assembly's mandate."