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**EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW**  
**(VENICE COMMISSION)**

**MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMISSION  
ON DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS  
(Venice, Scuola Grande di San Giovanni Evangelista)  
Thursday, 15 March 2018 from 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.**

**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda****2. Report on the Recall of Mayors/local elected representatives**

The Sub-Commission is invited to discuss the preliminary draft report ([CDL\(2018\)012](#)) on the recall of Mayors/local elected representatives, with a view to a revised version being submitted to the Sub-Commission for examination in June 2018. This draft report was drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Castella Andreu, Ms Jametti Greiner and Ms Karakamisheva-Jovanovska.

**3. Deadlock breaking mechanisms**

The Commission traditionally recommends that the holders of independent positions such as constitutional court judges, members of judicial councils, ombudspersons and, where appropriate, general prosecutors should be elected by parliament by a qualified majority. This can lead or has led to problems in countries where there is no tradition of compromise between majority and opposition. The sub-commission is invited to start a reflection on possible deadlock breaking mechanisms.

A concrete case of deadlock will be the subject of agenda item 20 on Montenegro.

**4. Other business**