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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
(VENICE COMMISSION)

in co-operation with
THE CENTRAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF
THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

ROUND TABLE
ON “THE PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGNERS
IN ELECTIONS”

Moscow, 27 May 2005

DRAFT PROGRAMME

25 - 26 May 2005

Arrival of the participants (all participants will be met at the airport (VIP lounge) by the representatives of the CEC and transferred to the hotel "Arbat" (12, Plotnikov pereulok, Moscow, 121002, Phone: +7 (095) 2447635, Fax: +7 (095) 2440093)

27 May 2005

09:15 Departure from the hotel to the Central Electoral Commission of the Russian Federation

10:00 Official opening

- Address by Mr A.A. Veshnyakov, Chairman of the Central Electoral Commission of the Russian Federation.
- Address by Mr Gianni Buquicchio, Secretary of the Venice Commission.

10:30 Participation of non-citizens in public life

- Introductory report, Mr V. Lysenko, Member of the Central Electoral Commission of the Russian Federation.
- Participation of non-citizens in elections in Switzerland, Professeur Etienne Grisel, University of Lausanne (Switzerland).
- Voting Rights of Foreigners in the United Kingdom and Ireland, Mr Owen Masters, Kingsbridge University, Devon County Council (United Kingdom).
- The European Convention on participation of foreigners in public life, Mr Frank Steketee, Intergovernmental Co-operation, Council of Europe.
- Participation of non-nationals in public life in Norway, Mrs Bjork Unstad, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development (Norway).
- Questions and discussion.

13:00 Working lunch at the Central Electoral Commission

14:30 Impact of international legal instruments and practice on the electoral practice in the Council of Europe Member States. Exchange of views on the subjects of the reports

17:15 Conclusions

17:30 Closing remarks

28 May 2005

10:00 Excursion to the Kremlin

18:00 Departure for the Bolshoi theatre (Opera "Evgeni Onegin").