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

**8<sup>th</sup> MEETING**  
**OF THE COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS**  
**(Venice, 11 March 2003 at 9 a.m.)**

**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**1. Adoption of the draft agenda**

The Council is invited to adopt its agenda as it appears in document CDL-EL-OJ(2004)001.

**2. Rules of procedure**

The Council will be invited to examine with a view to adoption, the draft Rules of Procedure revised by the Secretariat on the basis of members' comments (CDL-EL(2003)017rev).

**3. ACEEEO draft Convention**

The Council will be invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft opinion (CDL-EL(2004)006) on the draft ACEEEO Convention on Election Standards, Electoral Rights and Freedoms (CDL(2003)057), drawn up on the basis of observations by Messrs Grabenwarter and Sanchez Navarro (CDL-EL(2003)014 and CDL-EL(2004)004).

**4. E-voting and remote voting**

The Council will be invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft report on the compatibility of remote voting and electronic voting with the requirements of the documents of the Council of Europe, drawn up on the basis of observations by Mr Grabenwarter (CDL-EL(20003)16rev).

**5. Media and election observation**

The Council will be invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the report by Mr Masters on media monitoring during election observation missions (CDL-EL(2004)005).

**6. Moldova**

The Council will be invited to examine the draft Recommendations on the electoral law and electoral administration of Moldova (CDL-EL(2003)015; cf. CDL(2002)141) and to instruct the Secretariat to prepare the final version of this document which will be presented as a joint document by the Venice Commission and OSCE/ODIHR, and submitted for comments to the members of the Council.

**7. Azerbaijan**

The Council will be invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the joint draft Recommendations by the Venice Commission and OSCE/ODIHR on the electoral law and electoral administration in Azerbaijan (CDL-EL(2004)007; cf. CDL(200)047) and to invite the Secretariat, in agreement with OSCE/ODIHR, to prepare a final version developing the Recommendations.

**8. Albania**

The Council will be invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the joint draft Recommendations by the Venice Commission and OSCE/ODIHR on the electoral law and electoral administration in Albania (CDL-EL(2004)002; cf. CDL(2004)009).

## **9. Future activities**

a) The latest observed elections are :

- Parliamentary and Presidential elections in Serbia and Montenegro;
- Parliamentary elections in the Russian Federation (the Presidential elections on 14 March 2004 will be observed);
- Parliamentary and Presidential elections in Georgia (the partial rehearsal for the parliamentary elections on 28 March will be observed).

The Council could indicate whether it wishes to elaborate Recommendations on electoral law and electoral administration in these countries.

b) The Council is invited to propose the preparation of joint election observation questionnaires with OSCE/ODIHR, on the basis of the Election Evaluation Guide (CDL-AD(2003)010).

c) The Council could decide to start work on a new study on referendum on the basis of the questionnaire drawn up by Mr Luchaire (CDL-EL(2004)003).

d) The Council could invite OSCE/ODIHR to make observations on the question of electoral systems, with a view to the preparation of a revised document (cf. CDL-AD(2004)003).

## **10. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting should take place on Thursday, 17 June 2004 from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

The Council is invited to already confirm that its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will exceptionally take place during the afternoon of Saturday 9 October 2004, as the Parliamentary Assembly session will take place the same week.