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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
(VENICE COMMISSION)

9th MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS
(Venice, 17 June 2004 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)002.

2. Election of a Vice-Chairman

The Council is invited to elect a Vice-Chairman who will chair meetings in the absence of the Chairman.

3. Albania

The Council is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the final version of the joint Recommendations by the Venice Commission and OSCE/ODIHR on the electoral law and electoral administration in Albania which has been forwarded to the Albanian authorities (CDL-EL(2004)002rev; cf. CDL(2004)009).

4. Moldova

The Council is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the final version of the joint Recommendations by the Venice Commission and OSCE/ODIHR on the electoral law and electoral administration of Moldova which has been forwarded to the Moldovan authorities (CDL-EL(2003)015rev; cf. CDL(2002)141).

5. Referendum

The Council is invited to adopt the questionnaire on the use of referendums, drawn up on the basis of a contribution by Mr Luchaire (CDL-EL(2004)003rev).

6. Media and observation of elections

The Council is invited to examine the revised version of the draft guidelines of the OSCE/ODIHR on media analysis during election observation missions, on the basis of observations by Mr Masters.

7. Questionnaires on election observation

The Council is invited to examine the election observation questionnaires by the Venice Commission, OSCE/ODIHR and the European Commission, and how they may be harmonised (see in particular document CDL-AD(2003)010).

8. Database “vota”

The Secretariat will inform the Council on progress on the creation of the database “vota”.

9. Electronic voting

The Secretariat will inform the Council on progress of the Council of Europe’s work (integrated projects “democratic institutions”) with a view to drawing up recommendations on electronic vote.

10. UniDem

The Secretariat will inform the Council :

- on the UniDem Seminar on European standards of electoral law in the contemporary constitutionalism which was held in Sofia on 28-29 May 2004;
- on the possibility of organising a seminar on the results of 15 years of Constitutional experience in Central and Eastern Europe, which will in particular deal with electoral systems and the relationships between the President and Government.

11. Electoral web site

The Secretariat will inform the Council on the creation of an electoral web site in the Council of Europe, which replaces the special file on this matter. The address of this site will be made available as soon as it is ready, with explanations as to its contents.

12. Future activities

- *Recommendations on electoral law and electoral administration*

It is proposed to draw up joint Recommendations by the Venice Commission and OSCE/ODIHR on the electoral law and electoral administration of Serbia and Montenegro : ODIHR will prepare a first draft with a view to the adoption of a joint opinion at the next meeting (9 October 2004). Reports could be drawn up later on:

- Kosovo (next elections: 23 October 2004);
 - Ukraine (next elections: 31 October 2004);
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina (next elections: November 2004).
- *Training workshops*

The Secretariat will inform the Council on proposals to hold training workshops in Azerbaijan and Ukraine.

Other workshops could be organised in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Serbia and Montenegro.

- *Other activities*

The members are invited to make proposals on future activities.

13. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, 9 October 2004 in the afternoon.