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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
(VENICE COMMISSION)

**30th MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS**

Venice, 8 October 2009 at 10 a.m.

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council is invited to adopt the agenda as it appears in document CDL-EL-OJ(2009)003ann.

2. International status of election observers

At previous meetings the Council for Democratic Elections and the Venice Commission adopted two documents on this question, following a request from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, on the basis of comments by Messrs Sanchez Navarro, Musin, Masters and Pohler. The first document contained an inventory of a situation in domestic and international law in Europe ([CDL-AD\(2009\)020rev](#)). The second document summarised the recommendations emanating from election observation missions ([CDL-AD\(2009\)026](#)).

The Council is invited to examine with a view to adoption the final document containing the draft guidelines. This document has been submitted to the international organisations concerned for consultation and their comments have been taken into account ([CDL-EL\(2009\)022](#)).

3. Cancellation of election results

Following the Commission's decision to study the question of the cancellation of election results, a questionnaire was drawn up ([CDL-EL\(2007\)043rev](#)) and a UniDem Seminar organised in Malta on 14-15 November 2008. On the basis of the replies to the questionnaire ([CDL-EL\(2009\)019](#)), Mr Kask prepared a summary report ([CDL-EL\(2009\)020](#)) which is submitted to the Council for adoption.

4. Evaluation of the electoral process

Mr Gross will inform the Council on the progress of work concerning the report on the assessing of the quality of elections.

5. Voter registration

The Council will be invited to take note of the observations by Mr Masters on the draft OSCE-ODIHR Handbook for monitoring Voter Registration ([CDL-EL\(2009\)015](#) and [CDL-EL\(2009\)021](#)).

6. Serbia

Following a request from the Minister of Public Administration and Local Self-Government of Serbia, the Council is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft joint opinion ([CDL-EL\(2009\)013](#)) by the Venice Commission and OSCE-ODIHR on the following Serbian draft laws in the electoral field: draft Law on the State Election Commission ([CDL-EL\(2009\)010](#)) and draft Law on the Unified Register of Voters ([CDL-EL\(2009\)011](#)) and draft Law on the Election of Councillors ([CDL-EL\(2009\)012](#)). This document was drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Torfason and Mr Jessie Pilgrim, OSCE-ODIHR expert.

7. Ukraine

Following a request from the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, the Council is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft joint opinion ([CDL-EL\(2009\)016](#)) by the Venice Commission and OSCE-ODIHR on the Law amending certain legislative acts on elections of the President of Ukraine ([CDL-EL\(2009\)014](#), cf. [CDL-EL\(2009\)023](#)). This document was drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Nussberger, Mr Paczolay and Mr Pilgrim.

8. Other developments and future activities

At its meeting on 7 September 2009 the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly sent the *Code of good practice in the field of political parties* to the Political Affairs Committee for report (see document [CDL-AD\(2009\)021](#)).

The Secretariat will inform the Council on the first meeting of the Committee of experts on the participation of people with disabilities in political and public life which took place in Strasbourg, 7-9 September 2009.

Following the adoption of the report on thresholds and other features of the electoral system which bar parties from access to Parliament ([CDL-AD\(2008\)037](#)) by the Commission, a second report aimed at a solid and in-depth evaluation of the prevailing situation across the different member States should be submitted to the December meeting.

The Secretariat will inform the Council on work concerning the state of human rights and democracy in Europe (follow-up to Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation [1791\(2007\)](#)) on the issues of good governance and procedures for amending Constitutions.

Members are invited to make proposals for future activities.

9. Co-operation with OSCE/ODIHR

An exchange of views will take place with the representatives of OSCE/ODIHR on the possibilities of future co-operation.

10. Date of the next meeting

It is proposed to hold the next meeting on Thursday, 10 December 2009 at 10 a.m.