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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
(VENICE COMMISSION)

35th MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS

Venice, 16 December 2010 at 10 a.m.

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council is invited to adopt its agenda as it appears in this document.

2. Communication by the Secretariat

The Secretariat will inform the Council on the following items:

- Armenia: progress of work in view of drafting an opinion on the revised electoral code;
- Azerbaijan: the implementation of an action plan for the parliamentary elections in November 2010;
- Moldova: co-operation linked to the preparation of the early parliamentary elections of 28 November 2010 and their follow-up.

3. Out of country voting

At the last meeting, comments prepared by the rapporteurs Ms Durrieu and Mr Trocsanyi were submitted to the Council for information ([CDL-EL\(2010\)027](#) and [030](#)).

The Secretariat has prepared a draft report on the basis of these comments and the discussion at the last meeting. This document is submitted to the Council for adoption ([CDL-EL\(2010\)032](#)).

4. Electoral fraud

Following the Council's decision to examine this issue, a draft report on management of possible electoral fraud based on the manipulation of figures; based on comments by Messrs N. Vulchanov and A. Eriksson, is submitted to the Council for adoption ([CDL-EL\(2010\)028](#)).

5. Norway

At the request of the Secretary of State of the Royal Norwegian Ministry for Local Government and Regional Development responsible for carrying out elections in Norway, the Venice Commission and OSCE/ODIHR have drafted a joint opinion in particular concerning electoral disputes, which is submitted to the Council for adoption ([CDL-EL\(2010\)029](#); cf. [CDL-EL\(2010\)025](#) and [026](#)) and which was drawn up on the basis of comments by Messrs Mifsud Bonnici and Paczolay, as well as Ms Morry (OSCE/ODIHR expert).

6. Ukraine

Following a request from Mr Lytvyn, President of the Ukrainian parliament, the Council may be invited to examine a draft opinion on the draft unified electoral code of Ukraine on the basis of comments by Messrs N. Esanu and S. Darmanovic ([CDL-EL\(2010\)033](#), see [CDL-EL\(2010\)034](#)).

7. United Kingdom

Following a request from the United Kingdom Electoral Commission, the Council may be invited to examine the draft opinion on the code of good practice for electoral observers drawn up by the above mentioned Commission ([CDL-EL\(2010\)035](#), see [CDL-EL\(2010\)036](#)) on the basis of comments by Ms Alanis Figueroa.

8. Other developments and future activities

The Council may be called to comment at a future meeting on:

- an opinion on the reform of the electoral law of Armenia;
- a study on the abuse of administrative resources;
- a report on the electoral rights of people with disabilities.

Members are invited to make proposals for future activities.

9. Co-operation with OSCE/ODIHR

The Council is invited to hold an exchange of views with the representatives from 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, 24 March 2011 at 10.00 a.m.