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

**44<sup>th</sup> MEETING**  
**OF THE COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS**

**Venice, 7 March 2013 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 meeting on electoral systems in Tunisia, held in Strasbourg on 18 December 2012;
- long-term assistance to the Central Electoral Commission and to the Electoral College – the body responsible for electoral disputes – of Albania, with a view to the Parliamentary elections of 23 June 2013;
- assistance to the mission observing the Presidential elections in Armenia (19 February 2013);
- the current transfer of the VOTA database to the Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary of Mexico.

### **3. Mexico**

The Secretariat will inform the Council of the progress of work on the electoral law of Mexico.

### **4. Moldova**

The Central Electoral Commission and the Parliament of Moldova have requested an opinion on two draft laws on the funding of political parties and of electoral campaigns ([CDL-REF\(2012\)037](#) and [CDL-REF\(2012\)038](#); see also document [CDL-REF\(2012\)007](#)).

The draft joint opinion by the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR on the draft legislation of the Republic of Moldova pertaining to financing Political Parties and Electoral Campaigns ([CDL\(2013\)002](#)), drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Hamilton and Mr Vollan (Venice Commission expert), Ms Cigane (OSCE/ODIHR expert) and Messrs Katz and Smilov (experts, OSCE/ODIHR Core group of experts on political parties), is submitted to the Council with a view to adoption.

In the framework of the preparation of the opinion, a joint delegation of the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR travelled to Chisinau on 23-24 January 2013 and met with the multidisciplinary working group responsible for the revision (including the Minister of Justice), the Permanent Legal Committee of the Parliament and representatives of political parties and NGOs.

### **5. Any future activities**

Following a request from the Monitoring Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR will prepare, for the next session, a joint opinion on the new Electoral Code of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”.

The Commission will take part, as a legal adviser, in the Parliamentary Assembly mission observing the Presidential elections in Montenegro (7 April 2013).

The Secretariat will inform the Council on:

- the preparation of the opinion on the law on referendums of Ukraine;
- the preparation of the Conference on Administrative Resources, organised in the framework of the Eastern Partnership Programme (Tbilisi, April 2013);
- the preparation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of European Electoral Management Bodies which will take place in Chisinau in June or July 2013.

The Commission should take part in pre-electoral activities in Azerbaijan and in Georgia.

The Council could decide on a schedule for the preparation of studies on the method of nominating candidates within political parties and on the issue of open lists.

Members are invited to make proposals for future activities.

## **6. Co-operation with OSCE/ODIHR**

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

A joint opinion will be prepared on the Electoral Code of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (see item 5 above).

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

The Council is invited to fix the date of its next meeting for Thursday 13 June 2013 at 10 a.m.