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

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

**Venice, 13 June 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:

- participation in a seminar organised by the European Union on electoral observation (Brussels, 25-26 March 2013);
- the seminar on the use of administrative resources during electoral campaigns, organised in the framework of the Eastern Partnership Programme (Tbilisi, 17-18 April 2013) as well as progress of work on the study on this issue;
- long-term assistance to the Central Electoral Commission of Albania, with a view to the Parliamentary elections of 23 June 2013, as well as assistance to the Parliamentary Assembly observation mission;
- assistance to the mission observing the parliamentary elections in Montenegro (7 April 2013);
- assistance to the mission observing the parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (12 May 2013);
- progress of the transfer of the VOTA database to the Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary of Mexico.

Ms Alanis will inform the Council on the Commission's participation in the Technical Committee preparing ISO 17582, the draft quality electoral management standard and in particular the meeting in Punta Cana on 11-12 April 2013.

## **3. Mexico**

Following the request from Mr Leonardo Valdés Zurita, President of the Federal Electoral Institute of Mexico, the Council is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft opinion ([CDL\(2013\)004](#)) on the electoral legislation of Mexico ([CDL-REF\(2013\)002](#)), drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Biglino Campos, Mr Darmanovic and Mr Tanchev.

## **4. « The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia »**

The Council is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft joint opinion by the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR ([CDL\(2013\)020](#)) on the Electoral Code of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" ([CDL-REF\(2013\)013](#)), drawn up, at the request of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, on the basis of comments by Mr Kask and Mr Bisson (OSCE/ODIHR expert). A Commission delegation travelled to Skopje on 15-16 May 2013 in the framework of the preparation of this opinion.

## **5. Ukraine**

The Council is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft opinion ([CDL\(2013\)029](#)) on the law on referendum of Ukraine ([CDL-REF\(2013\)15](#)) drawn up, at the request of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, on the basis of comments by Messrs Paczolay, Sanchez Navarro and Tuori.

The Council is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft joint opinion by the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR ([CDL\(2013\)019](#)) on draft amendments to the Electoral legislation of Ukraine ([CDL-REF\(2013\)025](#) and [028](#)), drawn up at the request of Mr Olexandr Lavrynovych, Minister of Justice of Ukraine, on the basis of comments by Mr Paczolay and Mr Pilgrim (OSCE/ODIHR expert).

A Commission delegation travelled to Kyiv on 25 April in the framework of the preparation of this opinion where it met with a group of experts of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.

## **6. Method of nominating candidates within political parties**

The Council is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft questionnaire on the method of nominating candidates within political parties ([CDL-EL\(2013\)005](#)) drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Alanis, Mr Craig, Ms Durrieu and Mr Xuclà. Following adoption, this questionnaire will be sent to all members of the Commission and the Council for Democratic Elections.

## **7. Future activities**

A Round Table on the electoral reform in Ukraine will take place in Kyiv on 20 June 2013 in co-operation with the OSCE and the European Union.

The Commission will provide legal assistance to the Parliamentary Assembly delegation observing the parliamentary elections in Albania (23 June 2013).

The Secretariat will inform on the preparation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of European Electoral Management Bodies (Chisinau, 26-27 June 2013).

The Council will be informed on the progress of the preparation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop for Democracy on the topic of political parties which will take place in Bucharest on 17-19 October 2013. This event is organised jointly by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania and the Venice Commission and will bring together representatives from the Southern neighbourhood of the Council of Europe.

The Commission should participate in pre-electoral activities in Georgia, in view of the Presidential elections scheduled to take place in Autumn.

Members are invited to make proposals for future activities.

## **8. 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.

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

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