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

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

**Venice, 20 March 2014 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. Election of the President**

The Council is invited to elect the President of the Council for Democratic Elections for a two-year period.

At its 97<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session (December 2013) the Venice Commission elected Mr Jean-Claude Colliard as Vice President of the Council for Democratic Elections.

## **3. Bulgaria**

Following a request from the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Bulgaria, a draft joint opinion by the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR ([CDL\(2014\)001](#)) on the draft Election Code of Bulgaria ([CDL-REF\(2013\)059](#)), was prepared on the basis of comments by Mr Kask, Mr Vermeulen, Mr Vollan and Mr Pilgrim (OSCE/ODIHR expert). In accordance with the decision taken at the 97<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session, the draft opinion has already been sent to the Bulgarian authorities. This draft opinion is submitted to the Council for adoption.

## **4. Moldova**

Following a request from the Speaker of the Parliament of Moldova a draft joint opinion by the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR ([CDL\(2014\)005](#)) on the draft law amending the electoral legislation of the Republic of Moldova ([CDL-REF\(2014\)001](#); see also [CDL-REF\(2012\)039](#)), was prepared on the basis of comments by Ms Biglino, Mr Darmanovic, Mr Gonzalez Oropeza and Ms Deriaz (OSCE/ODIHR Expert), with the assistance of Mr Guevara Castro. This draft opinion is submitted to the Council for adoption.

## **5. Electoral lists and voters abroad**

At its last meeting, the Council discussed possible future work in this area, in particular on the basis of a Secretariat Memorandum summarising the issues ([CDL-EL\(2013\)011](#)). The OSCE/ODIHR then presented its comments. The Council is invited to re-examine this matter and to determine the next steps to be taken. Ms Alanis Figueroa is available to act as rapporteur.

## **6. Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe**

Mr Alain Delcamp, Congress' Advisor on Constitutional Matters, will give an overview on latest developments in the field of Congress' observation of local/regional elections.

He will inform the Council on the progress of work on the criteria for eligibility for local and regional elections.

## **7. Information about current work and future activities**

- The Secretariat will inform the Council on:
  - Participation in a Council of Europe meeting on Recommendation (2004)11 “legal, operational and technical standards of e-voting” (Vienna, 19 December 2013);
  - Participation In a Post Electoral Conference in Georgia (Tbilisi, 18-19 February 2014);
  - Participation in a workshop on the participation of women in politics (Brasov, 7-8 March 2014);
  - Assistance to the Parliamentary Assembly observation mission on the occasion of the early parliamentary elections in Serbia (16 March 2014);
  - Assistance to the Parliamentary Assembly observation mission on the occasion of the Presidential elections in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (13 April 2014).
  
- The 11th Conference of European Electoral Management Bodies will be organised in conjunction with the Electoral Board of Finland, the Parliament of Finland and the National Audit Office. This Conference will take place in Helsinki on 26-27 June 2014 on the theme: “Combating the misuse of administrative resources during electoral processes”.
  
- The Council will be informed on the latest developments concerning the ISO electoral administration norms (approved as a technical specification).
  
- The Secretariat will also inform the Council on:
  - Progress of work on the study on the method of nominating candidates within political parties;
  - Progress of work on the study on open and closed lists.

## **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. The OSCE/ODIHR is invited to inform the Council on its current and future activities in the electoral field.

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

The Council is invited to fix the date of its next meeting for Thursday 12 June 2014 at 10 a.m.