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

**63<sup>rd</sup> MEETING**  
**OF THE COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC**  
**ELECTIONS**

**Venice, 18 October 2018 at 10.00 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. Albania – Draft law on the legislative initiative of citizens**

Following the request of Mr Gramoz Ruçi, Speaker of the Parliament of Albania the Council is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft joint opinion by the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR ([CDL\(2018\)028](#)) on the draft law on the legislative initiative of citizens in Albania ([CDL-REF\(2018\)039](#)) drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Kask and Mr Pinelli as well as OSCE/ODIHR experts.

## **3. Uzbekistan – Draft election code**

Following the request of Mr Mirza-Ulugbek Abdusalomov, Chairperson of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Council is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft joint opinion by the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR ([CDL\(2018\)026](#)) on the draft Election Code of Uzbekistan ([CDL-REF\(2018\)038](#)) drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Kask and Mr Vilanova Trias as well as OSCE/ODIHR experts.

## **4. Communication by the Secretariat**

The Secretariat proposes to align some provisions of the English version of the Code of Good Practice on Referendums ([CDL-AD\(2007\)008rev](#)) and in the Code of good practice in electoral matters ([CDL-AD\(2002\)023rev2](#)) to the French version.

The following activities took place between the 62<sup>nd</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup> meetings of the Council for Democratic Elections:

- Legal assistance to the Parliamentary Assembly delegation observing early presidential and parliamentary elections in Turkey, 24 June 2018;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference on money and politics (Tbilisi, 26-27 June 2018);
- Workshop on out-of-country voting (Tirana, 27 June 2018);
- Workshop on electoral administration (Tirana, 3 July 2018);
- Workshop on media during the electoral campaign (Tirana, 4 July 2018);
- The second round of regional public discussions of the draft Election Code of Ukraine (Rivno - 13 July, Chernivcy – 16 July, Khmelnytskyi – 17 July, Odessa - 19 July, Mikolaiv - 24 July, Kherson - 25 July, Zaporijia – 26 July and Kropyvnytskyi - 27 July 2018).
- Testing of the training course for judges "Election Dispute Resolution" (Kiev, Ukraine, 19-20 July 2018);
- 27<sup>th</sup> ACEEEO Conference on "Guaranteeing Voter Privacy, Security and Integrity" (Vilnius, 5-7 September 2018);

- Video Conference on the powers of the Central Electoral Commission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Strasbourg, Kiev, Sarajevo, 11 September 2018);
- The third and the last round of regional public discussions of the draft Election Code of Ukraine (Dnipro and Lviv, Ukraine, 12-14 September 2018);
- Legal assistance to the Parliamentary Assembly delegation observing the referendum in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, 30 September 2018;
- High-level workshop on money and politics, Pristina, Kosovo, 4 October 2018;
- Legal assistance to the Parliamentary Assembly delegation observing elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 7 October 2018;
- The second International Conference of the Arab Union of Administrative Judiciary in Collaboration with the Venice Commission on “Voting In Elections and Referendums - Right and Duty” (Cairo, Egypt, 8-9 October 2018);
- High level Conference on the future of international election observation (Brussels, 10-11 October 2018);
- Conference on electoral interference in the digital age (Brussels, 15-16 October 2018).

## **5. Future activities**

The Venice Commission will participate in:

- Legal assistance to the Parliamentary Assembly delegation observing presidential elections in Georgia, 28 October 2018;
- International Conference on the draft election code (Tashkent, Uzbekistan, November 2018 – to be confirmed).

## **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. 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, 13 December 2018 at 10.00 am.