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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
(VENICE COMMISSION)

67th MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC
ELECTIONS

Venice, 5 December 2019 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. Study – Inclusion of a not internationally recognised territory in a State's nationwide constituency for parliamentary elections

The Council is invited to examine, with a view to its adoption by the Commission, the draft Report (see [CDL\(2019\)026](#)) on the Inclusion of a not internationally recognised Territory in a State's nationwide Constituency for parliamentary Elections, drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Barrett, Ms Bilkova, Mr Cameron, Mr Frendo and Ms Peters (former Member, Expert).

3. Study – Election dispute resolution

The Council is invited to examine the revised draft report on election dispute resolution ([CDL-EL\(2019\)001rev](#); see [CDL-REF\(2019\)010](#)), with a view to its adoption by the Council and the Commission in March 2020.

4. Communication by the Secretariat

The following activities took place between the 65th and 66th meetings of the Council for Democratic Elections:

- participation in the 3rd Plenary Assembly of the Global Network of Electoral Justice debating on mechanisms of representation, equal access to electoral justice and democracy and corruption (Los Cabos, Mexico, 6-8 November 2019);
- participation in the XIVth Inter-American meeting of electoral management bodies (Panama City, Panama, 13 – 14 November 2019);
- legal assistance to the Parliamentary Assembly delegation observing parliamentary elections in Belarus, 17 November 2019;
- co-organisation of a training for judges and electoral practitioners on the electoral dispute resolution process (Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 21-23 November 2019);
- participation in the 14th Annual implementation meeting for endorsers of the Declaration of principles for international election observation (Warsaw, Poland, 20-21 November 2019);
- co-organisation of workshop no. 5 of the OCTOPUS Conference, dedicated to “Cybercrime, fake news & election interference” (Strasbourg, France, 22 November 2019);
- co-organisation of a Seminar on election dispute resolution and presentation of a toolkit for election dispute resolution (Tbilisi, Georgia, 29 November 2019);
- co-organisation, with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, of the Regional parliamentary conference on preventing and responding to the misuse of administrative resources during electoral processes (Tbilisi, Georgia, 2-3 December 2019).

5. Future activities

- co-organisation, with the Administrative Court of Tunisia, of an international symposium on “Administrative Justice and Electoral Disputes” (Tunis, 12-13 December 2019);
- participation in a workshop on “The legal limits of direct democracy” (Zurich, Switzerland, 28 February 2020);

- preparation of the Guide on the Use of State Resources in Electoral Campaigns in Tunisia (in co-operation with UNDP ; 1st quarter of 2020).

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, 19 March 2020 at 10.00 am.