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

**73<sup>rd</sup> MEETING**  
**OF THE COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC**  
**ELECTIONS**  
**Venice, 16 June 2022 at 10 a.m.**

**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

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## **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 will be invited to elect a new president to complete the mandate of Mr Kask, member on behalf of the Venice Commission, for a mandate ending in March 2023.

## **3. Communication by the Secretariat**

The Secretariat will inform the Council about:

- The update of the Internal Rules of procedure;
- The 19th European Conference of Electoral Management Bodies, to take place in Strasbourg in November 2022. Chairpersons and representatives of electoral management bodies will discuss the issue of artificial intelligence and its potential impact on electoral processes.

## **4. Turkey – Amendments to the electoral legislation**

The Council is invited to examine with a view to approval, the draft joint opinion by the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR ([CDL\(2022\)016](#)) on the amendments to the electoral legislation of Turkey ([CDL-REF\(2022\)016-cor](#)), drawn-up on the basis of comments by Ms Veronika Bílková, Mr Srdjan Darmanovic and Ms Katharina Pabel as well as Ms Elena Kovalyova, for the OSCE/ODIHR. This joint opinion was requested by Mr Piero Fassino, Chairman of the Monitoring Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, on 1 April 2022.

## **5. Mongolia - Draft law on political parties**

The Council is invited to examine with a view to approval, the draft joint opinion by the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR ([CDL\(2022\)021](#)) on the draft law on political parties of Mongolia ([CDL-REF\(2022\)022](#)), drawn-up on the basis of comments by Ms Renata Deskoska and Mr Rafael Rubio, as well as the Core Group of Experts on Political Parties of the OSCE/ODIHR. This joint opinion was requested by Mr Matteo Mecacci, Director, OSCE/ODIHR, on 14 February 2022.

## **6. Tunisia - constitutional and legislative framework on the referendum and elections announcements**

The Venice Commission will be informed on the Urgent Opinion ([CDL-PI\(2002\)026](#)) on the constitutional and legislative framework on the referendum and elections announcements by the President of the Republic, and in particular on the decree-law n°22 of 21 April 2022 amending and completing the Organic law on the independent High Authority for Elections (ISIE) ([CDL-REF\(2022\)018](#)).

## **7. Explanatory memorandum – Code of Good Practice on Referendums**

The Revised Guidelines on the Holding of Referendums ([CDL-AD\(2020\)031](#)) were adopted by the Venice Commission at its 124<sup>th</sup> plenary session in 2020. Therefore, the explanatory memorandum has now been revised accordingly ([CDL\(2022\)022](#)). The Council is invited to examine the Explanatory memorandum with a view to approval.

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

The Council is invited to fix the date of its next meeting for Thursday, 20 October 2022 at 10.00 am.