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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW (VENICE COMMISSION)

MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON LATIN AMERICA (Venice, Scuola Grande di San Giovanni Evangelista) Thursday, 5 October 2017 from 5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Co-operation with the Organization of American States

The Sub-Commission will be informed about the participation of the President of the Venice Commission G. Buquicchio in the meeting of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS).

The Sub-Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with Mr Francisco Guerrero, Secretary for Strengthening Democracy, and Mr Gerardo De Icaza, Director of the Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation of the Organization of American States.

3. Venezuela

The Sub-Commission will be informed about the Preliminary opinion (CDL-PI(2017)004) on legal issues raised by the decree issued by President Maduro on 23 May 2017 calling for the election of National Constituent Assembly in Venezuela (CDL-REF(2017)032) drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Biglino, Ms Bilkova, Mr Sardon, Mr Tuori and Mr Vargas Valdez. In accordance with the decision taken by the Bureau, this preliminary opinion has already been issued.

4. Co-operation with Mexico

Ms Janine Otalora Malassis will inform the Sub-Commission on proposals for co-operation with the Federal Electoral Tribunal of Mexico.

The Secretariat will inform the Sub-Commission on co-operation with the National Electoral Institute of Mexico.

5. World Conference on Constitutional Justice

The participants will be informed about the meeting of the Ibero-American Conference of Constitutional Justice which took place during the 4th Congress of the World Conference (Vilnius, Lithuania, 11-14 September 2017) as well as of the election of a member to the Bureau of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice in respect of the Americas.

6. Other activities with Latin America countries in 2017

The Sub-Commission will be informed on co-operation with Argentina.

7. Other business