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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
(VENICE COMMISSION)

**JOINT MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMISSION
ON THE PROTECTION OF MINORITIES AND THE
COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS**

(Venice, 18 October 2007 from 11h30 to 13h00)

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. *Adoption of the Agenda*
2. *Specific rules on the voting rights of national minorities*

At its 18th meeting (October 2006) the Council for Democratic Elections examined the question of specific rules on the voting rights of national minorities, on the basis of a document drawn up by the Office of the OSCE High Commissioner for National Minorities and on comments by Ms Durrieu.

Following this initial exchange of views, the HCNM revised the document concerning dual voting for persons belonging to national minorities. The reporting members, Ms Durrieu for the Council for Democratic Elections and Mr Bartole for the Sub-Commission for the protection of minorities, presented their observations ([CDL-EL\(2007\)025](#)) and ([CDL-EL\(2007\)020](#)). The Council for Democratic Elections is invited to examine these documents and to decide on the follow-up.

3. *Other business*