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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW

33rd Meeting
(Venice, 12-13 December 1997)

S Y N O P S I S

The Commission:

- adopted the consolidated Opinion on the draft Constitution of the autonomous Republic of Nakhichevan and decided to forward it to the authorities of the Azerbaijan Republic;
- adopted the report on the Legal Foundations of Foreign Policy;
- took note of the consolidated Opinion on constitutional control in Armenia and decided to transmit it to the Armenian authorities and to continue with the examination of the Armenian system of constitutional control once new information on the draft Law on the Organisation of the Judiciary is available;
- adopted the Opinion on the constitutionality of the death penalty in Ukraine and decided to forward it to the Parliamentary Assembly;
- was informed by Mr Dimitri Conostas, Permanent Representative of Greece to the Council of Europe on the initiative of the Greek presidency of the Committee of Ministers to organise a seminar on "Democratic Institutions and Civil Society in South-Eastern Europe" and agreed to act as a co-organiser of this event;
- decided, upon request from the Parliamentary Assembly, to study the draft Constitutional Law on the Organisation of the Judiciary in Albania and the amendments to the Albanian Law No 7491 "For the main constitutional provisions";
- decided, upon request from the Parliamentary Assembly, to draw up a report on the progress of its co-operation with Croatia;

- was informed of the progress of work concerning the creation of an Institution of Ombudsman in Republika Srpska (Bosnia and Herzegovina);
- set up a working group on the draft Laws on the organisation of Government and on the functioning of Ministries of Romania;
- set up a working group on the draft Law on Lustration of Bulgaria and on the draft Law on the Statute of Parliamentarians of Bulgaria;
- was informed of the interest of the Governments of Kazakstan and the Republic of Korea to obtain observer status with the Commission;
- confirmed that its Plenary Meetings in 1998 which will take place on 6-7 March, 12-13 June, 16-17 October and 11-12 December.

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