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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW

(VENICE COMMISSION)

46th PLENARY MEETING **(Venice, 9-10 March 2001)**

S Y N O P S I S

The Commission

- greeted the accession of Azerbaijan to the Commission and welcomed the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as an associate member.
- held an exchange of views with Mr Erkki Kourula, Permanent Representative of Finland to the Council of Europe and with Mr Olexandre Chalyi, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the Council of Europe on co-operation with the Committee of Ministers.
- held an exchange of views with Mr Erik Jurgens, member of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on co-operation with the Assembly.
- held an exchange of views with Mr Llibert Cuatrecasas, President of the CLRAE on future co-operation with the Congress.
- adopted the report on the legal regime of the autonomous territories of Palestine and decided to forward it to the Parliamentary Assembly.
- was informed on the progress of work concerning constitutional revision in Armenia and adopted a Memorandum for the attention of the Parliamentary Assembly.
- was informed on the results of a meeting on the revision of the electoral code in Armenia.
- was informed on progress of work of the programme of co-operation with the Azeri authorities in the context of Azerbaijan's accession to the Council of Europe.
- held an exchange of views with Ms Savic, President of the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina on future co-operation.

- adopted an opinion on the implications of the decision of the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the issue of the “constituent peoples”.
- was informed on the results of a meeting on the Ombudsman of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- was informed on the results of a meeting on the draft law on minorities of Croatia and adopted an opinion on constitutional reform in Croatia.
- was informed of the results of a meeting held on the status of Abkhazia.
- held an exchange of views with Mr Dimitrijevic and discussed the modalities of future co-operation with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.
- was informed on the results of the meeting on the draft law on the rights of minorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.
- held an exchange of views with Mr Daniels, Chief State Law Adviser on co-operation with South Africa.
- was informed on the latest constitutional developments, as well as on the elections in Moldova.
- was informed on the progress of organisation of seminars within the framework of the UniDem campus for the legal training of professionals.
- adopted the summary report on the judgments of constitutional courts and the execution thereof.
- adopted the guidelines on the financing of political parties.
- elected the President, Vice-Presidents, members of the Bureau as well as the Chairmen of its Sub-Commissions.
- adopted its annual report of activities for 2000.
- confirmed the dates of its next Plenary Meeting : 6-7 July 2001

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