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HEARING

OF THE VENICE COMMISSION

**BY THE NATIONAL CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY
OF TUNISIA**

**ON POLITICAL SYSTEMS: MECHANISMS, ADVANTAGES,
DISADVANTAGES**

Tunis (Tunisia), Thursday 26 July 2012 from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

PROGRAMME

Introductory remarks (Ms Anne Brasseur and Mr Peter Paczolay)

Mechanisms to ensure political stability in a parliamentary system (Mr Peter Paczolay)

Checks and balances within a semi-presidential system (Ms Jacqueline de Guillenchmidt)

The powers of a president directly elected by the people in a parliamentary system: the example of Bulgaria (Ms Evgeni Tanchev)

The powers of a president directly elected by the people in a moderate semi-presidential system: the example of Portugal (Ms Maria Fernanda Palma)

The search for balances to a directly elected President: the example of Georgia (Mr Konstantin Vardzelashvili)

Instruments of direct democracy (Ms Gret Haller)

Constitutional guarantees against drifts towards authoritarianism (Ms Wilhelmina Thomassen)

Questions/replies