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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW

(VENICE COMMISSION)

9th MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS (Venice, 15 June 2000)

MEETING REPORT

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as it appears in document CDL-DEM (2000) OJ9.

2. Study on the financing of political parties

The Sub-Commission examined the report on the financing of political parties drawn up by Mr Jacques Robert (document CDL-PP (2000) 1). Mr Robert specified that the report takes into account replies from over thirty countries. The study is in two parts. The first part, devoted to general observations, shows that the financing of political parties is a relatively recent phenomenon and that in the majority of states, there is an absence of in-depth legislation on the subject. The second part contains guiding principles, based on a number of questions : should parties be aided solely during election periods, or on a more regular basis? What is the nature of funds which may be granted to parties or that they may raise themselves? What are the limits on financing by private funds? How are the financing and its use controlled?

The Sub-Commission adopted the study on the financing of political parties (document CDL-PP (2000) 1).

Those members who may wish to make further comments are invited to do so. In addition, a consideration of the guidelines on the issue should be envisaged; within this framework, the question of co-operation with IDEA, which is also studying the subject, could be borne in mind.

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