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(VENICE COMMISSION)

**19th MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMISSION
FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS
(Venice, 11 March 2004 at 2.30 p.m.)**

MEETING REPORT

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as it appears in document CDL-DEM-OJ(2004)001.

2. Draft Guidelines and Explanatory Report on Legislation on Political Parties: some specific issues

Mr Vogel presented document CDL-DEM(2004)001. This document takes into account the Venice Commission's opinions on the question of political parties in several States, as well as the guidelines on the prohibition and dissolution of political parties and analogous measures (CDL-INF(2000)001) and the guidelines on the financing of political parties (CDL-INF(2001)008). It is based on the codification operated by the European Court of Human Rights, the Parliamentary Assembly and other Council of Europe organs. Mr Vogel stressed the contribution made by other members in particular Mr Tuori, joint rapporteur and Mr Klucka.

The Sub-Commission adopted the Draft Guidelines and Explanatory Report on Legislation on Political Parties : some specific issues (CDL-DEM(2004)001), with some modifications.

3. Other business

The Secretariat indicated that other studies in the sphere of political parties could be carried out.

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