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**EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW**  
**(VENICE COMMISSION)**

**71<sup>st</sup> MEETING**  
**OF THE COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC**  
**ELECTIONS**  
**Online**  
**18 March 2021 at 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

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## **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The Council is invited to adopt its agenda as it appears in this document.

## **2. Georgia - Draft joint opinion of the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR on draft amendments to the Election Code, the Organic Law on the Political Associations of Citizens and the Rules of Procedure of Parliament**

The Council is invited to hold an exchange of views and examine with a view to approval the draft joint opinion by the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR ([CDL\(2021\)010](#)) on draft amendments to the Election Code, the Organic Law on the Political Associations of Citizens and the Rules of Procedure of Parliament ([CDL-REF\(2021\)003](#), [CDL-REF\(2021\)008](#) and [CDL-REF\(2021\)009](#)), drawn-up on the basis of comments by Mr Alivizatos, Mr Castella Andreu and Mr Frendo, as well as Mr Bisson, Mr Casal Bertoa and Ms Thomas for the OSCE/ODIHR. This joint opinion was requested by the Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia on 24 December 2020. This activity is implemented in the framework of the Quick Response Mechanism (QRM), financed by the European Union and the Council of Europe and implemented by the Council of Europe in their Partnership for Good Governance phase II. The draft report will be submitted to the plenary session of the Venice Commission for adoption.

## **3. Georgia - Draft joint opinion of the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR on draft Article 79<sup>1</sup> of the Electoral Code (revocation of party registration)**

The Council is invited to hold an exchange of views and examine with a view to approval the draft joint opinion by the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR ([CDL\(2021\)015](#)) on draft Article 79<sup>1</sup> of the Electoral Code (revocation of party registration) ([CDL-REF\(2021\)002](#) and [CDL-REF\(2021\)009](#)), drawn-up on the basis of comments by Mr Alivizatos, Mr Castella Andreu and Mr Frendo, as well as Ms Thomas for the OSCE/ODIHR. This joint opinion was requested by the Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia on 24 December 2020. This activity is implemented in the framework of the Quick Response Mechanism (QRM), financed by the European Union and the Council of Europe and implemented by the Council of Europe in their Partnership for Good Governance phase II. The draft report will be submitted to the plenary session of the Venice Commission for adoption.

## **4. Ukraine - Draft joint opinion of the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR on the draft Law on Political Parties**

The Council is invited to hold an exchange of views and examine with the view to approval the draft joint opinion of the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR ([CDL\(2021\)005](#)) on the draft Law on Political Parties ([CDL-REF\(2021\)005](#)), drawn-up on the basis of comments by Mr Frendo, Mr Velaers and Mr Vilanova Trias, as well as Ms van Biezen, Ms Thomas and Mr Walecki for the ODIHR. This joint opinion was requested by the Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Policy of the *Verkhovna Rada* (Parliament) of Ukraine on 30 December 2020. This activity is co-funded by the Action Plan Ukraine. The draft report will be submitted to the plenary session of the Venice Commission for adoption.

## **5. Election of the President and Vice-president**

The Council is invited to elect a President and a Vice-President.

## **6. Date of the next meeting**

The Council is invited to fix the date of its next meeting for Thursday, 1 July 2021 at 10.00 am.