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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
(VENICE COMMISSION)

81st MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS
Venice, 5 December 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

2. Co-operation with the Organization of American States

The Council is invited to hold an exchange of views with Mr Luis Almagro, Secretary General, Organization of American States, and with Mr Gerardo de Icaza, Director of the Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation, Organization of American States. The Council could invite the Organization of American States to become an observer to the Council.

3. Haiti – Final Opinion on possible legislative solutions to conduct future electoral processes

Following the adoption of the Interim Opinion on possible legislative solutions to conduct future electoral processes in Haiti ([CDL-AD\(2024\)017](#)), the Council is invited to examine, with a view to approval, the draft Final Opinion ([CDL\(2024\)049](#)) on possible legislative solutions to conduct future electoral processes in Haiti, drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Frenco, Mr Holmøyvik, Mr Sénors and Ms Janine Otálora Malassis (Expert, former Substitute Member, Mexico). This opinion was requested by the Secretary General of the Organization of American States on 4 March 2024. The Sub-Commissions on Constitutional Justice, Democratic Institutions and Latin America will examine this draft Opinion at their joint meeting on 5 December 2024.

4. *Amicus curiae* brief for the European Court of Human Rights in the case of *Staderini and others v. Italy* on the stability of electoral legislation and some features of a mixed electoral system

The Council is invited to examine, with a view to approval, the draft *Amicus curiae* brief ([CDL\(2024\)040](#)) in the case of *Staderini and others v. Italy* on the stability of electoral legislation and some features of a mixed electoral system, drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Kask, Mr Langášek and Ms Pabel. This *amicus curiae* brief was requested by the European Court of Human Rights on 9 July 2024.

5. Interpretative declaration to the Code of good practice in electoral matters on digital technologies and artificial intelligence

The Council is invited to examine, with a view to approval, the draft Interpretative declaration to the Code of good practice in electoral matters on digital technologies and artificial intelligence, ([CDL\(2024\)048](#)), drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Kask, Ms Kjerulf Thorgeirsdottir, Mr Kuijer, Mr Pinelli, Mr José Luis Vargas Valdez (Expert, former Member, Mexico) and Mr Rafael Rubio (Expert, former Substitute Member, Spain).

6. Report on electoral observers as human rights defenders

The Council is invited to examine, with a view to approval, the draft Report ([CDL\(2024\)047](#)) on electoral observers as human rights defenders, drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Kask, Ms Pabel, Mr Vilanova Trias, Ms Janine Otálora Massis (Expert, former Substitute Member, Mexico) and Mr Jan Erik Helgensen (Expert, former Member, Norway). This report was requested by the Secretary General of the Organization of American States on 4 March 2024.

7. Information on issues of interest for the Council of Democratic Elections

The members of the Council are invited to provide information on issues of interest for the Council on electoral matters.

8. Date of the next meeting

The Council is invited to fix the date of its next meeting for Thursday, 13 March 2025 from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.