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Friday 21 June 2024

09:30-11:00 Adoption of the Agenda

Communications Co-operation

Follow-up to earlier Venice Commission Opinions

Discussion and adoption of Opinions on individual countries

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Communication by the President

The President will present her recent activities (CDL(2024)024).

3. Communication from the Enlarged Bureau

The Commission will be informed on the discussions which took place at the meeting of the Enlarged Bureau on 20 June 2024.

4. Communication by the Secretariat

The Secretary of the Commission will provide information on the session.

5. Co-operation with the Committee of Ministers

Within the framework of its co-operation with the Committee of Ministers, the Commission will hold an exchange of views with Mr Eros Gasperoni, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of San Marino to the Council of Europe.

6. Co-operation with the Parliamentary Assembly

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with Mr Sergiy Vlasenko, Representative of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, on co-operation with the Assembly.

The Urgent Opinion on the Law of Georgia on Transparency of Foreign Influence; the draft Follow-up Opinion to the Opinion on the draft amendments to the Election Code and to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Georgia; the draft Opinion on amendments to the Election Code which abolish gender quotas of Georgia; the draft Opinion on the draft constitutional law on the protection of family values and minors of Georgia, the Urgent Joint Opinion of the Venice Commission and the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI) of the Council of Europe on the draft law amending the Law on the National Council of the Judiciary of Poland and the draft report on a rule of law and human rights compliant regulation of spyware: overview and initial considerations fall into the framework of co-operation with the Parliamentary Assembly (see Items 14, 19 and 22).

7. Co-operation with the Congress of Regional and Local Authorities of the Council of Europe

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with Mr Thibaut Guignard, President of the Monitoring Committee, on co-operation with the Congress.

8. Report of the meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections

The Chair of the meeting will inform the Commission on the results and conclusions of the meeting held on 20 June 2024.

The draft Opinion on amendments to the Election Code which abolish gender quotas of Georgia; the draft Follow-up Opinion to the Joint Opinion on the draft amendments to the Election Code and to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Georgia; the draft Interim Opinion on possible legislative solutions to conduct future electoral processes in Haiti; the draft Opinion on the Law of the Republic of Moldova on the partial implementation of the postal vote; and the draft Revised interpretative declaration to the Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters on the Stability of electoral law are dealt with under items 14, 15, 17 and 22.

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9. Exchange of views with the Regione del Veneto

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with a representative of the Regione del Veneto (tbc).

10. Follow-up to earlier Venice Commission Opinions

The Commission will be informed on follow-up to its previous Opinions (see document (CDL(2024)025):

- Bosnia and Herzegovina Joint Opinion of the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR on the draft law of Republika Srpska on the Special Registry and Publicity of the Work of Non-Profit Organisations (<u>CDL-AD(2023)016</u>);
- Bosnia and Herzegovina Opinion on certain questions relating to the functioning of the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina (<u>CDL-AD(2024)002</u>);
- Republic of Moldova Joint Follow-up Opinion of the Venice Commission and ODIHR to the Joint Opinion on amendments to the Electoral Code and other related laws concerning ineligibility of persons connected to political parties declared unconstitutional (CDL-AD(2023)048); Joint amicus curiae brief of the Venice Commission and ODIHR on the ineligibility of persons connected to political parties declared unconstitutional (CDL-AD(2023)049);
- Norway Joint opinion of the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR on the electoral legislation (<u>CDL-AD(2010)046</u>);
- Spain Opinion on the rule of law requirements of amnesties, with particular reference
 to the parliamentary bill of Spain "on the organic law on amnesty for the institutional,
 political and social normalisation of Catalonia" (<u>CDL-AD(2024)003</u>);

Five follow-up opinions will be examined under Items 13, 14 and 18.

The Commission will be informed about follow-up activities held since the last session.

11. Electoral observation

The Commission will be informed about the participation of the Venice Commission in electoral observation missions of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in the function of providing legal advice.

- Republic of North Macedonia, presidential and parliamentary elections, 24 April and 8 May 2024;
- Bulgaria, early parliamentary elections, 9 June 2024.

Mr Gerardo de Icaza, Director for Electoral Cooperation and Observation, Organization of American States will present the Electoral Observation Manual.

13. Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. Draft Opinion on the method of electing judges to the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with H.E. Željko Komšić, Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Opinion (CDL(2024)020) (TvD/AK/is) on the method of electing judges to the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Baricová, Mr Grabenwarter, Ms Hanna Suchocka (Honorary President, Expert), Mr Kaarlo Tuori (Honorary President, Expert) and Mr Paolo Carozza (former Member for the United States of America, Expert). This Opinion was requested by the Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina on 15 March 2024.

This Opinion was prepared under the <u>Expertise Co-ordination Mechanism</u> in the framework of the joint European Union and Council of Europe programme "<u>Horizontal Facility</u> for the Western Balkans and Türkiye".

11.00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Discussion and adoption of Opinions on individual countries

13. Bosnia and Herzegovina (cont.)

2. Draft Interim Follow-up Opinion to previous Opinions on the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with Mr Željko Bogut, Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Interim Follow-Up Opinion (CDL(2024)019) (MS/TvD/es/tp) to previous Opinions on the draft law on the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina (CDL-AD(2021)015, CDL-AD(2014)008 and CDL-AD(2012)014 (CDL-REF(2024)023), drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Baricová, Mr Kuijer, Mr Sørensen and Mr James Hamilton (former Member for Ireland, Expert). This Opinion was requested by the Minister of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina on 10 May 2024. The Sub-Commissions on Democratic Institutions and on Latin America will examine this draft Interim Follow-Up Opinion at their joint meeting on 20 June 2024.

This Opinion was prepared under the <u>Expertise Co-ordination Mechanism</u> in the framework of the joint European Union and Council of Europe programme "<u>Horizontal Facility</u> for the Western Balkans and Türkiye".

19. Poland

Urgent Joint Opinion of the Venice Commission and the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI) of the Council of Europe on the draft law amending the Law on the National Council of the Judiciary of Poland

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with Mr Dariusz Mazur, Deputy Minister of Justice of Poland, and to endorse the Urgent Joint Opinion of the Venice Commission and the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI) of the Council of Europe (CDL-PI(2024)009) (SGM/TP/sd) on the draft law amending the Law on the National Council of the

Judiciary of Poland (CDL-REF(2024)015 and CDL-REF(2024)016) drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Barrett, Mr Dimitrov, Mr Grabenwarter, Ms Nussberger, Mr Kaarlo Tuori (Honorary President, Expert), and Mr Gerhard Reissner (DGI Expert). This Opinion was requested by the Monitoring Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on 7 March 2024, and was issued on 8 May 2024. By letter of 15 April 2024, the Minister of Justice of Poland, requested the Venice Commission to adopt the present opinion under the urgent procedure, as provided by Article 14a of the Rules of Procedure in accordance with the Protocol on the preparation of Venice Commission urgent opinions (CDL-AD(2018)019).

15. Haiti

Draft Interim Opinion on possible legislative solutions to conduct future electoral processes in Haiti

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with Mr Francisco Guerrero, Secretary for Strengthening Democracy from the Organization of American States, and to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Interim Opinion (CDL(2024)023) (SGM/PG/ew) on possible legislative solutions to conduct future electoral processes in Haiti, drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Frendo, Mr Holmøyvik, Ms Otálora Malassis, and Mr Séners. This Opinion was requested by the Secretary General of the Organization of American States on 4 March 2024. The Sub-Commissions on Democratic Institutions and on Latin America will examine this draft Opinion at their joint meeting on 20 June 2024. The Council for Democratic Elections will also examine this draft Opinion at its meeting on 20 June 2024.

12. Armenia

Draft Joint Opinion of the Venice Commission and the Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity (DGII) of the Council of Europe on the draft law on national minorities

The Commission is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Joint Opinion of the Venice Commission and the Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity (DGII) of the Council of Europe (CDL(2024)021) (RG/DF/sb) on the draft law on national minorities (CDL-REF(2024)010) and CDL-REF(2024)027), drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Bílková, Ms Gerards, Mr Velaers, Mr Francesco Palermo (DGII Expert) and Ms Federica Prina (DGII Expert). By letter of 25 January 2024, Mr Grigor Minasyan, Minister of Justice of Armenia, requested an opinion on the Draft Law on National Minorities through a letter addressed to the Directorate General on Democracy and Human Dignity (DG II). On 1 March 2024, the Armenian authorities requested the involvement of Venice Commission for the examination of the Draft Law on National Minorities.

The Joint Opinion was prepared under the <u>Quick Response Mechanism (QRM)</u> in the framework of the EU/CoE joint programme <u>Partnership for Good Governance</u>, co-funded by the Council of Europe and the European Union and implemented by the Council of Europe.

<i>13:00-14:30</i>	Lunch break
14:30-15:45	Discussion and adoption of Opinions on individual countries

17. Republic of Moldova

Draft Opinion on the Law of the Republic of Moldova on the partial implementation of the postal vote

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with Mr Vitali Gavrouc, member of the Commission on Human Rights and Interethnic Relations from the Republic of Moldova, and to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Opinion (CDL(2024)022) (PG/VD/sd) on the Law of the Republic of Moldova on the partial implementation of the postal vote (CDL-REF(2024)019),

drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Barrett, Mr Holmøyvik and Ms Milašiūtė. This Opinion was requested by the President of the Parliament of Republic of Moldova on 3 May 2024. The Council for Democratic Elections will examine this draft Opinion at its meeting on 20 June 2024.

The Opinion was prepared under the <u>Quick Response Mechanism (QRM)</u> in the framework of the EU/CoE joint programme <u>Partnership for Good Governance</u>, co-funded by the Council of Europe and the European Union and implemented by the Council of Europe.

18. Montenegro

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with Mr Bojan Božović, State Secretary, Ministry of European Affairs of Montenegro, and Ms Jelena Grdinic, Director General, Directorate for Criminal and Civil Legislation, Ministry of Justice of Montenegro, and:

1. Urgent Follow-up Opinion on the revised draft amendments to the Law on the Judicial Council and Judges

To endorse the Urgent Follow-up Opinion (<u>CDL-PI(2024)007</u>) (NS/DV/as) on the revised draft amendments to the Law on the Judicial Council and Judges of Montenegro (<u>CDL-AD(2023)011</u>) (<u>CDL-REF(2024)009</u>), drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Cartabia and Mr Dimitrov. This Urgent Follow-up Opinion was requested by the Minister of Justice of Montenegro on 1 April 2024 and issued on 6 May 2024 pursuant to Article 14a of the Venice Commission's Revised Rules of Procedure, and in line with the Protocol on the preparation of Venice Commission urgent opinions (<u>CDL-AD(2018)019</u>).

The Urgent Follow-up Opinion was prepared under the <u>Expertise Co-ordination Mechanism</u> in the framework of the joint European Union and Council of Europe programme "<u>Horizontal Facility</u> for the Western Balkans and Türkiye".

2. Urgent Follow-up Opinion to the Opinions on the Law on the State Prosecution Service

To endorse the Urgent Follow-up Opinion (CDL-PI(2024)012) (ML/TvD/ms) to the Opinions on the Law on the State Prosecution Service of Montenegro, (CDL-AD(2008)005, CDL-AD(2011)010, CDL-AD(2012)024, CDL-AD(2013)028, CDL-AD(2014)042, CDL-AD(2015)003, CDL-AD(2021)012, CDL-AD(2021)030), (CDL-REF(2024)011), drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Deskoska, Mr Gaspar, Mr Vilanova Trias. This Urgent Follow-up Opinion was requested by the Minister of Justice of Montenegro on 1 April 2024 and was issued on 16 May 2024 pursuant to Article 14a of the Venice Commission's Revised Rules of Procedure, and in line with the Protocol on the preparation of Venice Commission urgent opinions (CDL-AD(2018)019).

The Urgent Follow-up Opinion was prepared under the <u>Expertise Co-ordination Mechanism</u> in the framework of the joint European Union and Council of Europe programme "<u>Horizontal Facility</u> for the Western Balkans and Türkiye".

3. Urgent Follow-up Opinion to the Opinions on the Law on the Special State Prosecutor's Office

To endorse the Urgent Follow-up Opinion (CDL-PI(2024)011) (ML/TvD/ms) to the Opinions on the Law on the Special State Prosecutor's Office of Montenegro (CDL-AD(2014)041, CDL-AD(2015)002, CDL-AD(2021)012, CDL-AD(2021)030) (CDL-REF(2024)012), drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Deskoska, Mr Gaspar and Mr Vilanova Trias. This Urgent Opinion was requested by the Minister of Justice of Montenegro on 1 April 2024 and was issued on 16 May 2024 pursuant to Article 14a of the Venice Commission's Revised Rules of Procedure, and in line with the Protocol on the preparation of Venice Commission urgent opinions (CDL-AD(2018)019).

The Urgent Follow-up Opinion was prepared under the <u>Expertise Co-ordination Mechanism</u> in the framework of the joint European Union and Council of Europe programme "<u>Horizontal Facility</u> for the Western Balkans and Türkiye".

4. Urgent Opinion on the draft law on the prevention of corruption

To endorse the Urgent Opinion (CDL-PI(2024)008) (TvD/ML/es) on the draft law on the prevention of corruption in Montenegro (CDL-REF(2024)013rev), drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Holmøyvik, , Mr Voyatzis, Ms Verica Trstenjak (former Substitute Member for Slovenia, Expert) and Ms Elena Konceviciute (Expert). This Urgent Opinion was requested by the Minister of Justice of Montenegro on 1 April 2024 and was issued on 21 May 2024 pursuant to Article 14a of the Venice Commission's Revised Rules of Procedure, and in line with the Protocol on the preparation of Venice Commission urgent opinions (CDL-AD(2018)019).

The Urgent Opinion was prepared under the <u>Expertise Co-ordination Mechanism</u> in the framework of the joint European Union and Council of Europe programme "<u>Horizontal</u> Facility for the Western Balkans and Türkiye".

5. Urgent Opinion on the draft amendments to the Law on seizure and confiscation of material benefit derived from criminal activity

To endorse the Urgent Opinion (CDL-PI(2024)010) (DV/tp), on the draft amendments to the Law on seizure and confiscation of material benefit derived from criminal activity of Montenegro (CDL-REF(2024)017), drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Nussberger, Mr Pinelli and Mr James Hamilton (former Member for Ireland, Expert). This Urgent Opinion was requested by the Minister of Justice of Montenegro on 10 April 2024 and was issued on 22 May 2024 pursuant to Article 14a of the Venice Commission's Revised Rules of Procedure, and in line with the Protocol on the preparation of Venice Commission urgent opinions (CDL-AD(2018)019).

The Urgent Opinion was prepared under the <u>Expertise Co-ordination Mechanism</u> in the framework of the joint European Union and Council of Europe programme "<u>Horizontal</u> Facility for the Western Balkans and Türkiye".

15.45-16:00	Coffee break
16:00-17:30	Discussion and adoption of Opinions on individual countries

14. Georgia

1. Draft Follow-up Opinion to the Joint Opinion on the draft amendments to the Election Code and to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Georgia

The Commission is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Follow-up Opinion (CDL(2024)012) (MJ/PG/es) to the Joint Opinion on the draft amendments to the Election Code and to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Georgia (CDL-AD(2023)047) (CDL-REF(2024)008), drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Alivizatos, Mr Frendo and Ms Pabel. This Follow-up Opinion was requested by the Monitoring Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly on 7 March 2024. The Council for Democratic Elections will examine this draft Follow-up Opinion at its meeting on 20 June 2024.

2. Draft Opinion on amendments to the Election Code which abolish gender quotas

The Commission is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Opinion (CDL(2024)018) (MJ/gb/ms) on amendments to the Election Code of Georgia which abolish gender quotas (CDL-REF(2024)014), drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Alivizatos,

Mr Frendo and Ms Pabel. This Opinion was requested by the Monitoring Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly on 16 April 2024. The Council for Democratic Elections will examine this draft Opinion at its meeting on 20 June 2024.

3. Draft Opinion on the draft constitutional law on the protection of family values and minors

The Commission is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Opinion (CDL(2024)014) (MS/gb) on the draft constitutional law on the protection of family values and minors of Georgia (CDL-REF(2024)020), drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Kiener, Mr Otty and Mr Velaers. This Opinion was requested by the Monitoring Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly on 16 April 2024. The Sub-Commissions on Fundamental Rights and on Non-Discrimination will examine this draft Opinion at their joint meeting on 20 June 2024.

4. Urgent Opinion on the Law of Georgia on Transparency of Foreign Influence

The Commission is invited to endorse the Urgent Opinion (<u>CDL-PI(2024)013</u>) (SGM/DF/sd) on the Law of Georgia on Transparency of Foreign Influence (<u>CDL-REF(2024)021</u>, (<u>CDL-REF(2024)022</u>) and <u>CDL-REF(2024)026</u>) drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Bílková, Ms Kjerulf Thorgeirsdottir, Mr Kaye and Mr Knežević. This Urgent Opinion was requested by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on 15 April 2024 and was issued on 21 May 2024 pursuant to Article 14a of the Venice Commission's Revised Rules of Procedure, and in line with the Protocol on the preparation of Venice Commission urgent opinions (<u>CDL-AD(2018)019</u>).

16. Kyrgyzstan

1. Draft Opinion on the draft law on amendments to the Code of Administrative Offences of the Kyrgyz Republic introducing penalties for insult and slander

The Commission is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Opinion (CDL(2024)016) (VD/MS/as) on the draft law on amendments to the Code of Administrative Offences of the Kyrgyz Republic introducing penalties for insult and slander (CDL-REF(2024)018), drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Bílková, Ms Kjerulf Thorgeirsdottir, and Mr Pinelli. This Opinion was requested by the Minister of Justice of Kyrgyzstan on 22 April 2024. The Sub-Commissions on Fundamental Rights and on Non-Discrimination will examine this draft Opinion at their joint meeting on 20 June 2024.

2. Draft Opinion on amendments to the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic on regulatory legal acts

The Commission is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Opinion (CDL(2024)015) (VD/AK/as) on amendments to the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic on regulatory legal acts (CDL-REF(2024)024 and CDL-REF(2024)025), drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Bustos Gisbert, Mr Langášek and Mr Vardanyan. This Opinion was requested by the Minister of Justice of Kyrgyzstan on 30 April 2024.

18:45	Departure by bus from Piazzale Roma
19:30	Dinner at Restaurant "Park Ristorante da Odino", Quarto d'Altino
22:00	Return to Venice (Piazzale Roma)
22:00	Return to Venice (Plazzale Roma)

Saturday 22 June 2024

9:30-10:30	Discussion and adoption of reports

20. Draft Revised interpretative declaration to the Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters on the Stability of electoral law

The Commission is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Revised interpretative declaration to the Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters on the Stability of electoral law (CDL(2024)013) (MJ/PG/gb), drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Darmanović, Mr Holmøyvik, Mr Kask, Ms Pabel, Mr Josep Maria Castellà Andreu (former Member for Spain, Expert) and Mr Rafael Rubio Nuñez (former Substitute Member for Spain, Expert). The Council for Democratic Elections will examine the draft Revised interpretative declaration at its meeting on 20 June 2024.

21. Report on the relations between Parliament and the Government: confidence and responsibility

The Commission is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Report (CDL(2024)007) on the relations between Parliament and the Government: confidence and responsibility (see also the questionnaire (CDL-PI(2024)003) (SGM/PG/RG/is) on the relations between Parliament and the Government: confidence and responsibility, drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Alivizatos, Mr Barrett, Ms Biglino Campos, Ms Cartabia, Mr Dimitrov, Mr Grabenwarter and Mr Meridor. The Sub-Commissions on Democratic Institutions and on Latin America will examine this draft report at their joint meeting on 20 June 2024.

10.30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Discussion and adoption of reports

Election matters

Reports of the Sub Commission Meetings Information on Conferences and Seminars

General matters

22. Report on a rule of law and human rights compliant regulation of spyware: overview and initial considerations

The Commission may be invited to adopt the draft report (CDL(2024)006) (DV/tp) on a rule of law and human rights compliant regulation of spyware: overview and initial considerations, drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Cameron, Mr Ojanen, Mr Otty and Ms Tamar Kaldani (Expert). The Sub-Commissions on Fundamental Rights and on Non-Discrimination will examine this draft report at their joint meeting on 20 June 2024.

[23. Presentation of the Electoral Observation Manual of the Organization of American States]

See ITEM 11

24. Elections in Mexico

The Commission will be informed of the mission of a Venice Commission delegation to Mexico City in the context of the elections which took place in Mexico on 2 June 2024.

25. Report of the Joint Meeting of the Sub-Commissions on Fundamental Rights and on Non-Discrimination (20 June 2024)

The Chair of the meeting might inform the Commission on the results and conclusions of the meeting held on 20 June 2024.

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26. Report of the Joint Meeting of the Sub-Commissions on Democratic Institutions and on Latin America (20 June 2024)

The Chair of the meeting might inform the Commission on the results and conclusions of the meeting held on 20 June 2024.

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27. Information on Conferences and Seminars

The Commission will be informed on the results and conclusions of our conferences and seminars.

28. Other business

29. Dates of the next sessions

140th plenary session	11-12 October 2024
141st plenary session	6-7 December 2024
142nd plenary session	14-15 March 2025
143rd plenary session	13-14 June 2025
144th plenary session	10-11 October 2025
145th plenary session	12-13 December 2025

Please note that Sub-Commission meetings as well as the meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections will take place on the day before the Plenary Sessions.