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**THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE OFFICE IN BELGRADE**

**UNIDEM SEMINAR**

**“ORGANISATION OF ELECTIONS  
BY AN IMPARTIAL BODY”**

**Belgrade, 24-25 June 2005**  
**SAVA Centre – Room no. 5**

**PROGRAMME**

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**Thursday, 23 June 2005**

*Arrival of participants*

**Friday, 24 June 2005**

- 9.30 - 10.00 Registration of participants, ending (*at the conference room no. 5, SAVA Centre*)
- 10.00 - 10.30** **Opening of the Seminar**
- ◇ *Mr Stefano Valenti, Head of the Council of Europe Office*
  - ◇ *Mr Miodrag Petrovic, Member of the Serbian Electoral Commission*
  - ◇ *Mr Vladimir Goati, President of Transparency Serbia*
  - ◇ *Mr Thomas Markert, Deputy Secretary of the Venice Commission*
- 10.30 - 13.00** **First working session:**  
**Independence: composition and functioning of the electoral administration**
- 10.30 - 10.50 Report, first part, by *Ms Kristina Lemon*, Senior Administrative Officer, Election Authority, Solna: *“The relationship between the independent Swedish Election Authority and the government, including issues of composition and functioning as well as of activities and competences of the Election Authority”*
- 10.50 - 11.10 Break
- 11.10 - 13.00 Discussion of morning session - Additional contributions by participants
- 14.30 - 17.30** **Second working session:**  
**Transparency and impartiality: activities and competences of the electoral administration**
- 14.30 - 14.50 Report, first part, by *Ms Mirjana Lazarova-Trajkovska*, Member of the Venice Commission in respect of “the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Judge at the Constitutional Court, former Central Electoral Commission Chairperson: *“Transparency and impartiality: activities and competencies of the electoral administration during the pre-electoral period”*
- 14.50 - 15.10 Report, second part, by *Ms Kristina Lemon*, Senior Administrative Officer, Swedish Election Authority: *“The relationship between the independent Swedish Election Authority and the government, including issues of composition and functioning as well as of activities and competences of the Election Authority”*
- 15.10 - 15.30 Break
- 15.30 - 17.30 Discussion of afternoon session - Additional contributions by participants

**Saturday, 25 June 2005**

**09.00 - 12.30**

**Third working session:**

***Transparency and impartiality of the electoral administration on election day***

09.00 - 09.20

Report, second part, by *Ms Mirjana Lazarova-Trajkovska*, Member of the Venice Commission in respect of “the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Judge at the Constitutional Court, former Central Electoral Commission Chairperson: *“Transparency and impartiality: activities and competencies of the electoral administration on election day; the 2002 Macedonian parliamentary elections and the 2005 local elections - comparison”*

09.20 - 10.40

Discussion of morning session

10.40 - 11.00

Break

11.00 - 12.30

Discussion of morning session - Additional contributions by participants

**14.00 - 16.30**

**Fourth working session:**

***Transparency and impartiality of the electoral administration after the election***

14.00 - 14.20

Report by *Mr Jean-Claude Colliard*, Member of the Constitutional Council of France: *“Transparency and impartiality of the electoral administration after the election; the electoral disputes - comparison”*

14.20 - 16.00

Discussion of afternoon session - Additional contributions by participants

16.00 - 16.30

Closing remarks

by *Mr Vladimir Goati*, President of Transparency International - Serbia  
by *Mr Thomas Markert*, Deputy Secretary of the Venice Commission

**Sunday, 26 June 2005**

*Departure of participants*