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## Constitutional situation in Georgia, Turkey and Ukraine - the Venice Commission meets in plenary

**Dates:** 15 and 16 October 2010

**Location:** Venice, Italy (Scuola Grande di San Giovanni Evangelista)

**Organised by** the Venice Commission – the Council of Europe's consultative body of independent legal experts, which advises its member states on the legal foundations of democracy on the basis of international standards.

**Description:** At its 84<sup>th</sup> plenary session, the Commission is expected to adopt the opinions on the (draft) legislation concerning the following issues:

- **Georgia** – constitutional reform
- **Slovak republic** – state language
- **Ukraine** – judiciary, the right to appeal, freedom of assembly.
- **Bulgaria** – forfeiture of Illegally acquired assets; judiciary (in the presence of the Minister of Justice Ms Margarita Popova);
- **Serbia** – freedom of assembly;
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina** – certain provisions of electoral law, statute of Mostar and amendment CI to the Constitution of the Federation BiH.

The Commission will be informed on the requests for opinion concerning

- **Turkey** – implementation of the constitutional referendum (in the presence of the Minister of Justice Mr Sadullah Ergin);
- **Ukraine** – constitutional situation in the country following the recent decision by the Constitutional Court annulling the 2004 constitutional amendments.

The Commission is also invited to adopt the reports on:

- **Assessment of elections** – timeline and political criteria;
- **Guidelines on political parties** – joint with OSCE/ODHIR;
- **Role of opposition** and
- **Individual access to constitutional justice**

The Commission will exchange views with representatives of the Georgian Parliament, Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.

All the opinions are public after the adoption and are available on the website of the Venice Commission shortly after the session: [www.venice.coe.int](http://www.venice.coe.int)

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