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## Venice Commission to prepare an opinion on the Russian law on defence

**Dates:** 16-17 November 2010

**Place:** Moscow (Russian Federation)

**Organised by** the Venice Commission, the Council of Europe's advisory body of independent legal experts, and the Russian authorities.

**Description:** A delegation of the Venice Commission will meet major stakeholders in the country in order to prepare the final draft opinion on the Russian law on defence to be discussed and adopted by the Venice Commission on 17 December 2010.

The delegation is composed of Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Commission, Angelika Nussberger, German substitute member of the Venice Commission and Simona Granata-Menghini, Deputy Secretary of the Venice Commission.

Meetings are planned with A. Grushko, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, L. Brycheva, Head of the State Legal Department of the Administration of the President of the RF, Konstantin Kosachev, Chairman of the Russian State Duma Delegation to the PACE and other MPs, V. Likhachev, Deputy Minister of Justice and A. Alexandrov, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Legislation at the Federation Council.

### Background

On 18 March 2010 Dick Marty, Chairman of the Monitoring Committee of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, requested the Venice Commission's opinion on the October 2009 amendments to the [Federal Law on Defence](#) of the Russian Federation.

In 2008 the Commission adopted a general [report on the democratic control of the armed forces](#).

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