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Constitutional reform in Luxembourg and elections of the enlarged Bureau on the agenda of the Venice Commission

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Organised by the Venice Commission which is a consultative body of the Council of Europe on constitutional issues, advising member states on the basis of the international standards on the legal foundations of democratic societies.

Description: At its 81st plenary session, the Commission is expected to adopt the opinions on the following issues:

- **Armenia** – revised draft law amending the Civil code concerning the rules on compensation of victims of defamation by the press;
- **Azerbaijan** – draft Laws on the Status of municipalities and on obtaining information on activities of the courts of Azerbaijan;
- **Bulgaria** – draft Law on Normative Acts;
- **Georgia** – revised draft amendments to the law on occupied territories;
- **Kazakhstan** – interpretation of the Kazakh Constitution concerning the participation in the Customs Union within the Euro-Asian Economic Community;
- **Luxembourg** – the draft revision of the Constitution of Luxembourg;
- **Moldova** – draft law on the status of Euroregions;
- **Ukraine** – draft law on organising and conducting peaceful events.

The Commission will exchange views with the President of the State Constitutional Commission of Georgia, Avtandil Demetrashvili, on the constitutional reform in this country.

The Commission may be invited to adopt the reports on:

- on constitutional provisions for amending the Constitution,
- the independence of judges.

In the field of the electoral law the Commission will adopt the following documents:

- Guidelines on the internationally recognised status of election observers,
- Report on the cancellation of election results.

The Commission will elect its President, Vice-Presidents and members of the Bureau as well as Chairs of the Sub-Commissions.

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

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