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Constitutional situation in Ukraine, use of Russian armed forces abroad, electoral questions in Norway and the UK on the agenda of the Venice Commission's meeting

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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 85th plenary session, the Commission is expected to adopt the opinions on the (draft) legislation concerning the following issues:

- **Armenia** – freedom of religion; freedom of assembly
- **Belarus** - media freedom
- **Bulgaria** – judiciary
- **Kyrgyzstan** - freedom of assembly
- **Norway and UK** – electoral issues
- **Russia** - dispatching armed forces abroad
- **Serbia** – financing of political parties
- **Compatibility** of acts by the **UN** and **EU missions** in **Kosovo** with human rights standards
- **Turkey** - the High Council for Judges and Prosecutors
- **Ukraine** – constitutional situation, electoral legislation

The Commission is also invited to adopt the reports on:

- **Voting abroad**
- **Electoral fraud**
- **Independence of judiciary** – prosecutors
- **Individual access to constitutional justice**
- **Rule of law**

The Commission will exchange views with representatives of the Presidential Committee of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, the Committee of Ministers and the Congress of the Council of Europe.

All the opinions are public after the adoption and are available on the website of the Venice Commission after the session: www.venice.coe.int

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