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Seminar on the funding of political parties and electoral campaigns: legislation and control mechanisms

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PROGRAMME

Venue:
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1. Objective

The main aim of this seminar is to raise awareness among MPs on avenues of consolidation of regulations on the funding of electoral campaigns and political parties.

2. Participants

National parliamentary delegations from Eastern Partnership member states (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine), members of the Parliamentary Assembly, in particular of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs.

An invitation was also extended to members of the Parliament of Kyrgyzstan.

3. Languages

English, French, Russian

4. Facilitators

Greco – Venice Commission

5. Reference documents

Handbook for parliamentarians (introduction to the activities of the PACE anti-corruption platform)

Recommendation Rec(2003)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on common rules against corruption in the funding of political parties and electoral campaigns

Guidelines on political party regulation by OSCE/ODIHR and Venice Commission adopted by the Venice Commission at its 84th Plenary Session (Venice, 15-16 October 2010) [CDL-AD(2010)024]

Fighting corruption, Political Funding, Thematic Review of GRECO's Third Evaluation Round, by Mr Yves-Marie Doublet

6. DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday, 10 December 2015

13.00 **Welcome lunch** (Restaurant « Jamin », 32, Rue de Longchamp)

15.00 **Opening session**

SESSION 1 – Public funding, monitoring institutions, citizen supervision: what impact on increasing transparency?

Introductory remarks by the General Rapporteur – Mr Quentin Reed, Council of Europe expert

Panellists: Mr Jens-Oscar Nergård (Norway), Member of the Group of States against corruption (GRECO) of the Council of Europe

Mr Romain Colas (France), Member of the National Assembly, rapporteur on assessing the relevance of the laws and regulations on the funding of electoral campaigns and political parties

Discussion on national experiences

Coffee break

SESSION 2 – An effective sanctioning system?

Panellists: Dr. Marcin Walecki (Poland), Head of Democratization Department OSCE/ODIHR

Ms Inga Jaunskunga (Latvia), Head of Division of Control of Political Parties Financing, Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau of Latvia (KNAB)

Discussion on national experiences

17.30 Concluding remarks by the General Rapporteur

Friday, 11 December 2015

10.00 – 12.00 Exchange of views with representatives from the French National Commission for Control of Electoral Accounts and Political Finance:

Mr François Logerot, President
Mr Régis Lambert, Secretary General
Mr Stéphane Gauvin, Head of the Legal Department
Ms Frédérique Dooghe, Head of Communication

12.15 **Departure by bus**

12.45 – 14.15 Lunch (Restaurant *Le Bis Repetita*, 167 rue Saint-Honoré, 75001 Paris)

14.30 – 17.00 STUDY VISIT – Constitutional Council

Exchange of views with Mr Adrien Gaffier, Head of the Legal Department, followed by a visit of the Constitutional Council