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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
(VENICE COMMISSION)

**JOINT MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMISSIONS
ON FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND
ON THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES**

(Scuola Grande San Giovanni Evangelista di Venezia)
Thursday 8 October 2026 from 15:00 to 15:30

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda**2. Georgia**

Draft Opinion on the amendments to the Law on Grants, the Organic Law on the Political Associations of Citizens and the Criminal Code, as well as related legislation, as adopted by the Georgian Parliament on 4 March 2026

The Sub-Commissions are invited to examine the draft Opinion (CDL(2026)030) (CMG/MJ/es) on the amendments to the Law on Grants, the Organic Law on the Political Associations of Citizens and the Criminal Code, as well as related legislation, as adopted by the Georgian Parliament on 4 March 2026 ([CDL-REF\(2026\)037](#)), with a view to its submission to the Plenary Session for adoption. This draft Opinion was drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Kjerulf Thorgeirsdottir, Mr Knežević and Mr Séners.

3. Montenegro

Draft Joint Opinion of the Venice Commission and the Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity (DGII) of the Council of Europe on the draft amendments to the law on minority rights and freedoms

The Sub-Commissions are invited to examine the draft Joint Opinion ([CDL\(2026\)032](#)) (MS/KG/jk) on the draft amendments to the law on minority rights and freedoms ([CDL-REF\(2026\)023](#)), with a view to its submission to the Plenary Session for adoption. This draft Joint Opinion was drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Matheson Mestad, Mr Paulus, Ms Romainville and Mr Hofmann (DGII expert).

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4. Other business