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Legislationline.org provides direct access to international norms and standards relating to specific human dimension issues (see list of topics on left-hand column) as well as to domestic legislation and other documents of relevance to these issues. These data and other information available from the site are intended for lawmakers across the OSCE region.

Blog on legislation pertaining to political parties

Legislationline.org is being currently updated.

In August 2010, new legislative sources including Constitutional Provisions, Primary and Secondary Legislation, and Case-law have been posted under two topics: Freedom of Association and Freedom of Religion; for two states: the Republic of Moldova and Romania.

The ODIHR has recently produced the following legal opinions:

• **Comments on Article 99 of the Criminal Execution Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

In March 2010, the OSCE Centre in Astana requested the OSCE ODIHR to provide a comment on the constitutionality of Art. 99 of the Criminal Execution Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the correspondence of this article to relevant international norms regulating forced labour. On 2 June 2010 the OSCE ODIHR completed its Comments in response to that request. The OSCE ODIHR offers its further assistance in the form of an *amicus curiae* brief that it would be pleased to submit to the Constitutional Court of Kazakhstan should it wish to review the constitutionality of that provision.

• **Joint Opinion on The Act On Public Assembly of The Sarajevo Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina) (8 June 2010)**

In March 2010 Minister of Internal Affairs of the Canton Sarajevo, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, asked the Venice Commission to provide an expert assessment of the Act on Public Assembly of the Sarajevo Canton jointly with the OSCE ODIHR. Venice Commission worked in consultation with the OSCE/ODIHR Advisory Panel on Freedom of Assembly. This opinion was adopted by the the Venice Commission at its 83rd Plenary Session (Venice, 4 June 2010).

• **Comments on the Draft Law on Ombudsperson of Kosovo (13 April 2010)**

In March 2010, the OSCE Mission in Kosovo requested the OSCE ODIHR to review the draft Law on the Ombudsperson of Kosovo and provide comments regarding its compliance with international legislative standards on Ombudsperson institutions and National Human Rights Institutions in general. The OSCE Mission in Kosovo translated and forwarded OSCE ODIHR's Comments to the responsible Working Group in the last week of April and has attended further meetings of the Working Group.

• **Comments on Kosovo Law on Protection against Domestic Violence (11 March 2010)**

These Comments are provided in response to the request of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo which asked the OSCE ODIHR to review the draft Law. Since 2009, a Working Group has been working on the draft Law that will amend the current UNMIK Regulation No. 2003/12 on Protection against Domestic Violence. The first reading of the draft Law before the Assembly of Kosovo took place on 28 January 2010. This review has been conducted in line with the OSCE ODIHR's special mandate to promote gender equality and review related legislation established by the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality. OSCE ODIHR Comments have been presented at a roundtable on the draft Law on Domestic Violence which took place in Pristina on 18 March 2010.

• **Opinion on the Draft Amendments to the Law on Prohibition of Discrimination in Montenegro (27 January 2010)**

The Ministry for Minority and Human Rights of Montenegro has been preparing a law on prohibition of discrimination in Montenegro. This commentary has been based on the most recent version of the draft law which has been issued in November 2009. The Comments have been presented by OSCE ODIHR at a roundtable in Podgorica on 19 February 2010. The Venice Commission presented very similar comments during the same event.

ODIHR's work on legislative guidelines:

OSCE/ODIHR-Venice Commission Guidelines on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly

Following the OSCE/ODIHR Panel of Experts on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly's meetings held together with the Venice Commission on 10-11 December 2009 and 25-26 February 2010 in Warsaw, dedicated to revision of the OSCE ODIHR-Venice Commission Guidelines on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly [2007], the 2nd revised version of these Guidelines was prepared and endorsed by the Venice Commission on 4 June 2010. The Guidelines were expanded in respect to a range of specific issues that were not comprehensively addressed in the 1st edition or required updating in the light of recent events, legislative developments or the jurisprudence of the European Human Rights Court.

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OSCE/ODIHR Guidelines on Political Party Legislation

The draft of the Guidelines on Political Party Legislation that is being elaborated under the auspices of the ODIHR was discussed by the core group of political party experts in Vienna on 8-9 June 2010. The Guidelines are designed for the use of legislators engaged in framing new legislation or amending existing laws, as well as for those overseeing the implementation of such legislation. The Guidelines will provide guidance to legislators and law enforcement personnel in drafting and implementing legislation relating to political parties. They will elucidate parameters for implementation consistent with OSCE commitments and other relevant international standards, taking advantage of good practices observed across the OSCE region.

Following the meeting of the core expert group [London, April 2009], three thematic workshops were organized in cooperation with the Venice Commission on the following topics: "Women's Participation in Political Parties" (Warsaw, 23-24 June 2009); "Public Funding and Abuse of State Resources" (Athens, 17-18 September 2009); and "Political Parties & Elections and Restrictions, Prohibitions and Regulations" (Brussels, 17-18 February 2010). The final draft of the Guidelines will be discussed at the larger expert roundtable that is tentatively scheduled to be held in Warsaw, in September. Once finalized, the Guidelines are expected to be also endorsed by the Venice Commission.