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Dear Ambassador,

It is my pleasure to invite you to a written consultation regarding the ongoing update of the Venice Commission's *Rule of Law Checklist*. The present Checklist was adopted by the Venice Commission at its 106<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session on 11 and 12 March 2016, and has since then served as a practical tool for member States' authorities, including constitutional courts; international organisations and non-governmental actors.

The Venice Commission has now commenced its preparations to update the Checklist, based on the developments which have taken place since 2016 and on the experience of stakeholders, as further implementation of the Reykjavik Declaration. During the past eight years, new issues have emerged such as the development of digital technologies and artificial intelligence. The updated version will seek to address some of these matters, in its continued effort to be a living instrument.

We are thus consulting the main stakeholders, including our member States. We would be grateful if you could provide us with your authorities' feedback on how the present Checklist is being used in your country and any proposals for its improvement. For the sake of efficiency, we would be grateful if your contribution could be limited to 5-7 pages.

Thank you for your time and your co-operation on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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