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**VENICE COMMISSION CRITICIZES BULGARIA'S RUSH TO CHANGE CONSTITUTION**

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The Council of Europe's Venice Commission has criticised the Bulgarian government's plans for constitutional changes, first promoted in August and agreed on in September, saying there was not enough debate and the plans are not clear enough.

The launch of the constitutional reform was not preceded by an appropriate public debate, the draft has been prepared within the parliamentary majority, seemingly without any external input, and the reasons for certain amendments were not well explained, the report on Monday stated.

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