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Declaration on the Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters

20. The Ministers also adopted a Declaration on the Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters drawn up by the European Commission for Democracy Through Law (Venice Commission), in which they reaffirmed the importance they attached to ensuring that elections are held in conformity with the principles of the European electoral heritage. They welcomed the excellent cooperation existing between the Council of Europe and the OSCE in the electoral field, and expressed the wish that it should also be reinforced in other areas related to the promotion of democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Europe.

“Conclusions of the Chair”

7. The Ministers were able to review the most significant developments in the Council of Europe’s agenda over the past six months. In particular, the Ministers:
 - reaffirmed the importance they attach to continuing co-operation between the Council of Europe and **Ukraine**, in particular with respect to the follow-up given by Ukrainian authorities to the recommendations contained in the report of the information and assistance mission carried out in the country by the Secretariat in March;