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Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

Ad hoc sub-committee of the Monitoring Committee on the functioning of the parliamentary monitoring procedure

Mandate, as agreed by the Monitoring Committee at the meeting on 13 December 2013¹

¹ This mandate was made public by decision of the Monitoring Committee dated 29 January 2014.

I. Composition

- Chair of the Monitoring Committee (ex officio)
- 4 EPP representatives
- 4 SOC representatives
- 3 ALDE representatives
- 3 EDG representatives
- 2 UEL representative

The political groups are invited to submit their candidates for the Committee's final approval in January 2014, in consultation and coordination with the Chair, with a view to meeting the following criteria:

- out of 16 members, 8 should represent countries under the monitoring and post-monitoring procedures, and 8 members should represent countries which have left or never undergone the monitoring procedure;
- preferably, no country should be represented by more than 1 member;
- preferably, several current/former rapporteurs should be present among the members.

II. Terms of reference

To make proposals, in the form of a written report accompanied by a draft resolution, to the Monitoring Committee with a view to presenting it to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, on possible ways to improve the Assembly's monitoring procedure, including the format and working methods. The ad hoc sub-committee will take into account the opinions expressed by the members of the Monitoring Committee and it may hold, and is encouraged by the Monitoring Committee to do so, exchanges of views and consultations with external experts, national delegations and other instances of the Parliamentary Assembly and of the Council of Europe, and in particular with other Council of Europe monitoring mechanisms.

III. Deadline

The ad hoc sub-committee will be set up during the 2014 January part-session. It could hold its first meeting already during the part-session and decide on its working methods and timeline.

It is encouraged by the Monitoring Committee to present a written report to the Monitoring Committee during the June 2014 part-session.

IV. Follow-up

The Monitoring Committee could consider and possibly approve the ad hoc sub-committee's report during the June 2014 part-session.

Depending on the conclusions and proposals to be made to the Assembly, the Committee could present a specific report and a draft resolution to the Assembly, which would contain concrete modifications to Resolution 1115 (1997) and go through the relevant procedure of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, if necessary.

In any case, it could be expected that any modifications to the Rules of Procedure and/or to Resolution 1115 (1997) would enter into force in January 2015.