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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 9 December 2015

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 9 December 2015, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Armenia** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Alan Meale, United Kingdom SOC, and ...): appointed Mr Giuseppe Galati (Italy, EPP/CD) co-rapporteur in place of Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD) and heard from him a declaration of non-conflict of interest; held an exchange of views on the constitutional referendum of 6 December 2015;
- **Albania** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Andrej Hunko, Germany, UEL, and): postponed this item to its next meeting;
- **Azerbaijan** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Agustín Conde, Spain, EPP/CD and ...): appointed Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) co-rapporteur in place of Mr Tadeusz Iwiński (Poland, SOC), took note of his resignation as rapporteur for Serbia and heard from him a declaration of non-conflict of interest; held an exchange of views on the parliamentary elections of 1 November 2015;
- **Georgia** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC, and Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE): at the request of the Chairperson of the Georgian delegation, agreed to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- **Republic of Moldova** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Piotr Wach, Poland, EPP/CD, and Ms Valentina Leskaj, Albania, SOC): held an exchange of views on the recent developments in the Republic of Moldova; authorised Ms Leskaj, co-rapporteur for the Republic of Moldova, and Mr Stefan Schennach, Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee to pay a fact-finding visit to Chisinau in December 2015 in order to look into the conditions of pre-trial detention of Mr Vladimir Filat, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, and Mr Grigore Petrenco, former member of parliament and former member of the Assembly, in line with the Bureau's request of 26 November 2015;
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised visits to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, and Montenegro, as well as to Monaco in the framework of the follow-up to Resolution 2052 (2015);
- **Other business**:
 - **Monaco**: considered a note prepared by Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE) on his fact-finding visit to Monaco (12 October 2015) in his capacity as former rapporteur for the post-monitoring dialogue and agreed to declassify it;

- **Poland:** agreed to invite the Chairperson of the Polish delegation to an exchange of views on the recent developments concerning the Constitutional Court in Poland at its next meeting;
 - **Committee rapporteurs:** decided to appoint rapporteurs on the - forthcoming - vacant monitoring and post-monitoring rapporteurships for Albania, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Bulgaria at its next meeting;
- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
- Strasbourg, 25 – 29 January 2016** (during the Assembly part-session)
Paris, 9 – 10 March 2016 (*to be confirmed*)
Strasbourg, 18 – 22 April 2016 (during the Assembly part-session).

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