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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 14 December 2016

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 14 December 2016, with Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Philippe Mahoux (Belgium, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

– **The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (September 2015 – December 2016)** (*Rapporteur ex officio: Mr Cezar Florin Preda, Romania, EPP/CD*):

- **Draft periodic review reports of countries not under the monitoring procedure *sensu stricto* or engaged in a post-monitoring dialogue:** considered and endorsed the draft periodic review reports on Finland and Germany, as revised on the basis of the comments of the national delegations and the respective authorities, for inclusion in the report on "The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (September 2015 – December 2016)";
- **Draft report on "The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (September 2015 – December 2016)":** considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution, as amended, with a view to its presentation during the January 2017 part-session;

– **Ukraine** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE, and Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report on the functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine and adopted a draft resolution, as amended, with a view to its presentation during the January 2017 part-session;

– **Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Ingebjørg Godskesen, Norway, EC, Ms Marianne Mikko, Estonia, SOC*): held an exchange of views on recent developments in Turkey on the basis of an up-dated information document prepared by the co-rapporteurs and agreed to declassify it; took note of the opinion by the Venice Commission on the Emergency Decrees of Turkey; decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the draft law on the amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Turkey and to request a debate under urgent procedure on the functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey during the January 2017 part-session;

– **Georgia** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC, and Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE*): held an exchange of views on the second round of the parliamentary elections of 30 October 2016;

– **Republic of Moldova** (*Co-rapporteurs: Ms Valentina Leskaj, Albania, SOC, and Mr Ögmundur Jónasson, Iceland, UEL*): held an exchange of views on the presidential elections (30 October 2016 and 13 November 2016); was informed that co-rapporteur Mr Ögmundur Jónasson (Iceland, UEL) will leave the Assembly in January 2017, and agreed to appoint a new co-rapporteur to replace him at its next meeting;

- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits:** authorised visits to Albania, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine;
- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

**Strasbourg**, 23-27 January 2017 (during the Assembly part-session)

**Paris**, 8 March 2017 (*to be confirmed*)

**Strasbourg**, 24-28 April 2017 (during the Assembly part-session)

**Helsinki**, 15-16 May 2017 (*subject to authorisation of the Assembly Bureau*).

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cc. *Secretary General of the Assembly*

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*Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly*

*Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations*

*Secretary General of the Congress*

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