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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 31 May 2012

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 31 May 2012, with Mr Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure: progress report** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andres Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution, as amended;
- **Montenegro** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto, Monaco, EPP/CD, and Ms Nursuna Memecan, Turkey, ALDE*): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro, as amended;
- **Georgia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE, and ...*): appointed Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) co-rapporteur to replace Mr Kastriot Islami (Albania, SOC);
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Monaco** (*Rapporteur: Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report and decided to transmit it to the authorities of Monaco for comments;
- **Armenia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD, and Mr John Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC*): decided to postpone this item to a forthcoming meeting;
- **Serbia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Davit Harutyunyan, Armenia, EDG, and Mr Indrek Saar, Estonia, SOC*): decided to postpone this item to a forthcoming meeting;
- **Ukraine** (*Co-rapporteurs: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD*): heard on oral report by Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin on the fact-finding visit to Kyiv and Kharkiv (15-17 May 2012);
- **Russian Federation** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr György Frunda, Romania, EPP/CD, and Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC*): held a hearing on the situation in the Russian Federation, with the participation of:
  - Mr Boris Nemtsov (Parnas / Republican Party)
  - Mr Evgenij Robertovich Urlashov (Mayor of Yaroslavl)
- **Albania** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Tomáš Jirsa, Czech Republic, EDG, and Mr Grigore Petrenco, Moldova, UEL*): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Tirana (2-4 April 2012) and decided to declassify it;

- **Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”** (*Rapporteur: Mr Robert Walter, United Kingdom, EDG*): heard on oral report by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Skopje and other municipalities (7-10 May 2012);
- **Azerbaijan** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Pedro Agramunt Font de Mora, Spain, EPP/CD, and Mr Joseph Debono Grech, Malta, SOC*): heard a statement by Mr Agramunt and decided to request the opinion of the Venice Commission on the law on the freedom of religion;
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised fact-finding visits to Albania, Armenia, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and Ukraine;
- **Other business**: was reminded by the Chair of the Code of Conduct for rapporteurs of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Next meetings**:
  - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session of 2012 (25-29 June)
  - Paris (Council of Europe office), 4 September 2012 (to be confirmed)

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