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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 4 September 2012

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 4 September 2012, with Mr Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Russian Federation** (co-rapporteurs: Mr György Frunda, Romania, EPP/CD, and Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, as amended, on the honouring of obligations and commitments by the Russian Federation;
- **Azerbaijan** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Pedro Agramunt Font de Mora, Spain, EPP/CD, and Mr Joseph Debono Grech, Malta, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan and decided to transmit it to the Azerbaijani authorities for comments;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Monaco** (rapporteur: Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE): due to lack of time, decided to postpone this item to a forthcoming meeting;
- **Ex-officio membership of Chairpersons of political groups in Assembly committees**: due to lack of time, decided to postpone this item to a forthcoming meeting;
- **Cooperation with the Committee of Ministers' Group of Rapporteurs on Democracy (GR-DEM)**: held an exchange of views with Ms Urszula Gacek, Chair, on possible ways to enhance cooperation and agreed to come back to this question at the next meeting;
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Karin S. Woldseth, Norway, EDG, and Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Sarajevo, Mostar and Banja Luka (3-7 June 2012) and decided to declassify it;
- **Situation in Romania**: held an exchange of views with members of the Presidential Committee and the Romanian delegation, agreed to follow the situation in Romania closely, and to come back to this question if warranted by political developments;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey** (rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC): due to lack of time, 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): due to lack of time, decided to postpone this item to a forthcoming meeting;
- **Montenegro** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Nursuna Memecan, Turkey, ALDE, and ...): appointed Mr Kimmo Sasi (Finland, EPP/CD) co-rapporteur to replace Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD);
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised fact-finding visits to Azerbaijan and to the Russian Federation;
- **Next meetings**:
 - Strasbourg, 1-5 October 2012 (during the Assembly part-session)
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), 13 November 2012
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), 12 December 2012

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