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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 Strasbourg on 1, 2 and 4 October 2012

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 1, 2 and 4 October 2012, with Mr Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) in the Chair and, partly on 4 October 2012, with Ms Lise Christoffersen (Norway, SOC), first Vice-Chair, in the Chair:

- **on Monday 1 October 2012 at 2 p.m.**, as regards:
 - **Russian Federation** (co-rapporteurs: Mr György Frunda, Romania, EPP/CD, and Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC): considered and approved an addendum to the report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by the Russian Federation, submitted by the co-rapporteurs; adopted three amendments to the draft resolution and adopted a draft recommendation tabled on behalf of the committee,
 - **Azerbaijan** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Pedro Agramunt Font de Mora, Spain, EPP/CD, and Mr Joseph Debono Grech, Malta, SOC): held an exchange of views on the Safarov case;
- **on Tuesday 2 October 2012 at 8.30 a.m.**, as regards:
 - **Russian Federation** (co-rapporteurs: Mr György Frunda, Romania, EPP/CD, and Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution on the honouring of obligations and commitments by the Russian Federation;
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Monaco** (rapporteur: Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE): held an exchange of views with members of the Monegasque delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly on the basis of their comments on the preliminary draft report; decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the Constitution of Monaco, assessing in particular whether the constitutional provisions concerning the National Council are compatible with democratic standards, bearing in mind the specificities of the Principality of Monaco;
- **on Tuesday 2 October 2012 at 2.00 p.m.**, as regards:
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey** (rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC): heard an oral report by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Istanbul and Ankara (17-21 June 2012);
 - **Cooperation with the Committee of Ministers' Group of Rapporteurs on Democracy (GR-DEM)**: in the framework of the follow-up to the exchange of views of 4 September 2012, invited the Secretariat to prepare a Memorandum on possible modalities for enhanced co-operation and agreed to come back to this question at the next meeting;

- **Ex-officio membership of Chairpersons of political groups in Assembly committees:** held an exchange of views and asked its Chair to write to the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to express the Monitoring Committee's point of view on this subject;
- **on Thursday 4 October 2012 at 8.30 a.m.**, as regards:
 - **Ukraine** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on political developments;
 - **Georgia** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC, and Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE): was informed on the parliamentary elections held on 1 October 2012;
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria** (rapporteur: Mr Luca Volontè, Italy, EPP/CD): heard on oral report by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Sofia (25-27 September 2012), with a view to the presentation of the report on the post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria at the January 2013 part-session;
 - **Authorisation of fact-finding visits:** authorised visits by the respective co-rapporteurs to Serbia and Georgia, as well as a visit to Brussels by Mr Volontè, rapporteur on the post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria;
- **Next meetings:**

decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), 13 November 2012
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), 12 December 2012
 - Strasbourg, 21-25 January 2013 (during the Assembly part-session)

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