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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 13 November 2012

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 13 November 2012, with Mr Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria** (*rapporteur: Mr Luca Volontè, Italy, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report and decided to transmit it to the Bulgarian authorities for comments, with a view to presenting the report at the January 2013 part-session;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey** (*rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC*): in the absence of the Chairperson of the Turkish delegation, decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- **Cooperation with the Committee of Ministers**: held an exchange of views on possible modalities for enhanced co-operation, endorsed the proposals contained in a letter from Mr Volontè to the Chair, and invited the latter to prepare, for consideration at its next meeting, a concrete proposal based on the conclusions of the discussion;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Monaco** (*rapporteur: Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE*): took note of a letter addressed by the President of the National Council, held an exchange of views with the Monegasque delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly, invited the Chair to reply to the letter and authorised Ms Brasseur to speak to the Monegasque media with a view to clarifying the monitoring procedure of the Assembly;
- **Republic of Moldova** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC, and Mr Piotr Wach, Poland, EPP/CD*): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Chisinau and Tiraspol (15-19 October 2012);
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”** (*rapporteur: Mr Robert Walter, United Kingdom, EDG*): heard an oral report by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Skopje (31 October - 2 November 2012) and decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the newly adopted Electoral Code;
- **Ukraine** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD*): was informed on the parliamentary elections held on 28 October 2012 and decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the newly adopted Law on referendum;

- **Montenegro** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Nursuna Memecan, Turkey, ALDE, and Mr Kimmo Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD): in the absence of the representatives of the delegation of Montenegro and the co-rapporteurs, decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- **Georgia** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC, and Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE): held on exchange of views on political developments with the participation of Mr Irakli Chikovani, representative of the ruling majority in the Georgian Parliament, and members of the Georgian delegation;
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised fact-finding visits to Ukraine and to the Republic of Moldova;
- **Next meetings**:
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), 12 December 2012
 - Strasbourg, 21-25 January 2013 (during the Assembly part-session)
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), 20 March 2013 (to be confirmed)

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