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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 12 December 2012

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 12 December 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*): heard an oral report by the rapporteur on his visit to the European Commission in Brussels on 23 November 2012; approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended, with a view to presenting the report at the January 2013 part-session;
- **Azerbaijan** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Pedro Agramunt Font de Mora, Spain, EPP/CD, and Mr Joseph Debono Grech, Malta, SOC*): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Baku (26-28 November 2012); approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended, with a view to presenting the report at the January 2013 part-session; took note of the intention of the Armenian members to present a dissenting opinion to the report, and agreed that it should not exceed three pages and should be delivered to the Secretariat within five days;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey** (*rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC*): decided to postpone this item to a forthcoming meeting;
- **Cooperation with the Committee of Ministers**: took note of the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chair of the Committee, continued its discussion on the subject, and agreed to come back to the question at its next meeting;
- **Armenia** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD, and ...*): reappointed Mr John Prescott (United Kingdom, SOC) co-rapporteur until the end of his term, subject to the declaration on conflict of interests;
- **Georgia** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC, and Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE*): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on the fact-finding visit to Tbilisi (5-7 December 2012); decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on specific provisions of the Amnesty Law, and agreed to recommend to the Georgian Parliament to postpone the adoption of this law, as well as the amendments to the law on the judiciary pending the opinions of the Venice Commission;
- **Montenegro** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Nursuna Memecan, Turkey, ALDE, and Mr Kimmo Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD*): 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): decided to postpone this item to a forthcoming meeting;
- **Harmonisation of regulatory ad para-regulatory provisions of monitoring and post-monitoring dialogue procedures**: decided to postpone this item to a forthcoming meeting;
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised fact-finding visits to Montenegro and to Hungary;
- **Other business**: took note of and accepted the invitation by the Chair of the Monitoring Committee to Tallinn on 23 and 24 May 2013 (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau);
- **Next meetings**:
 - Strasbourg, 21-25 January 2013 (during the Assembly part-session)
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), 20 March 2013
 - Strasbourg, 22-26 April 2013 (during the Assembly part-session)

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