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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 22, 23, 24 and 25 April 2013

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg, on 22, 23, 24 and 25 April 2013, with Mr Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

- on Monday 22 April 2013 at 2 p.m., as regards:
  - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey** (*rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC*): held an exchange of views on recent developments and decided to table four amendments to the draft resolution on behalf of the Committee;
  - **Republic of Moldova** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC, and Mr Piotr Wach, Poland, EPP/CD*): considered comments of the authorities of the Republic of Moldova on the preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments;
  - **Hungary: motion to open a monitoring procedure** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Jana Fischerová, Czech Republic, EDG, and Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE*): took note of the resignation of Ms Jana Fischerová, co-rapporteur, after the draft opinion had been tabled to the Committee, and held a discussion on procedural questions;
  
- on Tuesday 23 April 2013 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:
  - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey** (*rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC*): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution;
  - **Hungary: motion to open a monitoring procedure** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Jana Fischerová, Czech Republic, EDG, and Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE*): considered a draft opinion presented by Ms Lundgren, in the absence of Ms Fischerová, and held an exchange of views;
  - **Albania** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Jonathan Evans, United Kingdom, EDG, and Mr Grigore Petrenco, Republic of Moldova, UEL*): heard on oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Tirana (17-19 April 2013);
  
- on Tuesday 23 April 2013 at 2 p.m., as regards:
  - **Hungary: motion to open a monitoring procedure** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Jana Fischerová, Czech Republic, EDG, and Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE*): continued the exchange of views on the draft opinion;

- **on Wednesday 24 April 2013 at 2 p.m.**, as regards:
  - **Hungary: motion to open a monitoring procedure** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Jana Fischerová, Czech Republic, EDG, and Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE): continued the exchange of views on the draft opinion and started the adoption procedure;
- **on Thursday 25 April 2013 at 2 p.m.**, as regards:
  - **Hungary: motion to open a monitoring procedure** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Jana Fischerová, Czech Republic, EDG, and Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE): adopted, as amended, an opinion presented by Ms Lundgren, decided to declassify it and to transmit it to the Bureau;
  - **Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”** (rapporteur: Mr Robert Walter, United Kingdom, EDG): considered comments of the authorities of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” on the preliminary draft report on the post-monitoring dialogue, with a view to presenting the report at the June 2013 part-session;
  - **Montenegro** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Nursuna Memecan, Turkey, ALDE, and Mr Kimmo Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD): decided to postpone this item to one of its next meetings;
  - **Georgia** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC, and Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE): decided to postpone this item to one of its next meetings;
  - **Ukraine** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD): decided to postpone this item to one of its next meetings;
  - **Meeting in Tallinn, 23-24 May 2013**: held an exchange of views on the preparation of the meeting in Tallinn and approved a draft programme for the hearing on frozen conflicts;
  - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria** (rapporteur: Mr Volontè, Italy, EPP/CD): decided to postpone this item to one of its next meetings;
  - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Monaco** (rapporteur: Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE): decided to postpone this item to one of its next meetings;
  - **Republic of Moldova** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC, and Mr Piotr Wach, Poland, EPP/CD): in the light of the latest developments and upon request of the Chairperson of the Moldovan delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, decided to submit the report to the October 2013 part-session;
  - **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised visits to the Russian Federation and to Ukraine;
  - **Next meetings:**

decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

- **Tallinn, Estonia**, 23-24 May 2013 (including the hearing on frozen conflicts)
- **Strasbourg**, 24-28 June 2013 (during the Assembly part-session)
- **Paris** (Council of Europe Office), 5 September 2013
- **Paris** (Council of Europe Office), 7 November 2013
- **Paris** (Council of Europe Office), 13 December 2013

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*Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations*  
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