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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 Tallinn (Estonia) on 23 and 24 May 2013

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

- **on 23 May 2013:**

-- was welcomed by, and held an exchange of views with, Ms Ene Ergma, Speaker of the Estonian Parliament, and was officially greeted in the Chamber of the Parliament;

and, as regards:

- **Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”** (*rapporteur: Mr Robert Walter, United Kingdom, EDG*): held an exchange of views on the draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, as amended, with a view to presenting the report at the June 2013 part-session; was informed of the planned visit of the President of the Assembly to the country from 10 to 12 June 2013 and authorised Mr Walter to accompany him;

- **Current situation with regard to the consequences of the war of 2008 between Georgia and Russia**: heard an oral report by Mr Cilevičs, Mr Gross and the Chair on the fact-finding visit to Moscow and Tbilisi on 12-16 May 2013 and agreed to return to this issue when the information note on the visit was presented;

- **The progress of the Assembly’s monitoring procedure (June 2012 – September 2013): progress report** (*rapporteur: Mr Andres Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views on the next progress report, taking account of the report on harmonisation of regulatory and para-regulatory provisions of monitoring and post-monitoring dialogue procedures, adopted by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;

- **Georgia** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC, and Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE*): heard an oral report by Mr Cilevičs on the co-rapporteurs’ fact-finding visit to Tbilisi, Kutaisi and the Samtskhe-Javakheti region from 8 to 11 April 2013 and was informed of recent developments;

- **Ukraine** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/C*): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Kyiv on 14-16 April 2013 and was informed of recent developments;

- **Albania** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Jonathan Evans, United Kingdom, EDG, and Mr Grigore Petrenco, Republic of Moldova, UEL): in the absence of the members of the Albanian delegation, decided to postpone this item to a future meeting;
- **Montenegro** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Nursuna Memecan, Turkey, ALDE, and Mr Kimmo Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD): heard a report on the observation of the parliamentary elections of 14 October 2012 and the presidential election of 7 April 2013 and held an exchange of views;
- **Republic of Moldova** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC, and Mr Piotr Wach, Poland, EPP/CD): was informed by Ms Christoffersen of recent developments and held an exchange of views;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Monaco** (rapporteur: Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE): heard a report on the observation of the parliamentary elections of 10 February 2013 and held an exchange of views;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria** (rapporteur: Mr Volontè, Italy, EPP/CD): in the absence of the rapporteur, decided to postpone this item to one of its next meetings;
- **on 24 May 2013:**
 - took part in a **Hearing on frozen conflicts**, with introductory comments by Ms Jane Morrice, former deputy leader of the Women's Coalition and Senior Negotiator in the peace process in Northern Ireland, and the participation of:
 - on **Abkhazia and South Ossetia:**
 - Mr Vladimir Socor, Senior Research Fellow, Jamestown Foundation
 - Mr Svante Cornell, Research Director, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute
 - on **Nagorno-Karabakh:**
 - Mr Dennis Sammut, Executive Director of the London Information Network on Conflicts and State Building (LINKS)
 - Ms Sabine Freizer, European Program Director, International Crisis Group
 - on **Transnistria:**
 - Mr James Sherr, Associate Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programmes, Chatham House
 - Mr Kamil Calus, Centre for Eastern Studies, Poland
- **Next meetings:** noted the change of date of the September Paris meeting to Friday 6 September (instead of Thursday 5 September);
 - Strasbourg, 24-28 June 2013 (during the Assembly part-session)
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), 6 September 2013
 - Strasbourg, 30 September – 4 October 2013 (during the Assembly part-session)
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), 7 November 2013
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), 13 December 2013

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