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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 24, 25 and 27 June 2013

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg, on 24, 25 June and on 27 June (in the afternoon) 2013 with Mr Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) in the Chair, and on 27 June 2013 (in the morning) with Ms Lise Christoffersen (Norway, SOC) in the Chair:

- on Monday 24 June 2013 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **Hearing on frozen conflicts, Tallinn, 24 May 2013**: decided to declassify the summary report;
 - **Hungary: motion to open a monitoring procedure** (rapporteur: Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE): held an exchange of views on recent developments;
 - **Republic of Moldova** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC, and Mr Piotr Wach, Poland, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on recent developments and decided to consider a revised draft report and adopt a draft resolution at its next meeting;
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria** (rapporteur: Mr Luca Volontè, Italy, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on the parliamentary elections held on 12 May 2013;
- on Tuesday 25 June 2013 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:
 - **Hungary: motion to open a monitoring procedure** (rapporteur: Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution on the request for the opening of a monitoring procedure in respect of Hungary;
- on Tuesday 25 June 2013 at 2.00 p.m., as regards:
 - **Albania** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Jonathan Evans, United Kingdom, EDG, and Mr Grigore Petrenco, Moldova, UEL): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Tirana (17-19 April 2013) and decided to declassify it and heard an oral report on the parliamentary elections of 23 June 2013;
 - **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Karin S. Woldseth, Norway, EDG, and Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): heard on oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Sarajevo, Tuzla, Srebrenica and Brčko (2-5 June 2013) and decided to prepare a report on the functioning of democratic institutions with a view to its presentation at the October 2013 part-session;

- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey** (*rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC*): held an exchange of views on recent developments;
 - **Azerbaijan** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Pedro Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD, and Mr Joseph Debono Grech, Malta, SOC*): heard on oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Baku (10-14 June 2013);
 - **on Thursday 27 June 2013 at 8.30 a.m.**, as regards:
 - **Current situation with regard to the consequences of the war of 2008 between Georgia and Russia**: considered an information note on the fact-finding visit to Moscow and Tbilisi (12-16 May 2013) prepared by the co-rapporteurs on the Russian Federation and the co-rapporteurs on Georgia under the responsibility of the Chair, approved its conclusions and decided to declassify it;
 - **on Thursday 27 June 2013 at 2 p.m.**, as regards:
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”** (*rapporteur: Mr Robert Walter, United Kingdom, EDG*): took position on the amendment to the draft resolution on the post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”;
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Monaco** (*rapporteur: Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE*): held an exchange of views on recent developments and decided to consider a draft report and adopt a draft resolution at its next meeting;
 - **Armenia** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD, and ...*): appointed Mr Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC) co-rapporteur to replace Mr John Prescott (United Kingdom, SOC) and heard a declaration of non-conflict of interest;
 - **Meetings of the Council for Democratic Elections (of the Venice Commission)**: heard an oral report by Mr Xuclà of the meeting on 7 March 2013 and by Ms de Pourbaix-Lundin of the meeting on 13 June 2013;
 - **Other business:**
 - heard an oral report on the meeting between the President of the Assembly and Chairs of national delegations on the future of the monitoring procedure (26 June 2013), held an exchange of views and invited the Chair to take it into account in the preparation of the progress report to be considered at the next meeting;
 - heard a statement by Ms Chiora Taktakishvili (Georgia, ALDE) regarding a proposed constitutional amendment in Georgia, invited the co-rapporteurs on the *Honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia* to follow these developments closely and to request an opinion of the Venice Commission on the amendments if so needed;
 - **Next meetings:**
- decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
- **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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