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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 6 September 2013**

**The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**, meeting in Paris on 6 September 2013, with Mr Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Republic of Moldova** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC, and Mr Piotr Wach, Poland, EPP/CD): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, as amended, on the honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova, with a view to its presentation at the October 2013 part-session;
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Karin S. Woldseth, Norway, EDG, and Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution on the functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a view to its presentation at the October 2013 part-session; and decided to invite a representative of the Committee of Ministers to one of its next meetings to discuss this issue ;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Monaco** (rapporteur: Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE): in the light of the information provided by the delegation of Monaco to the PACE on the latest developments, decided to postpone the consideration of a draft report until 2014;
- **The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (June 2012 – September 2013)** (rapporteur: Mr Andres Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted, as amended, a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, with a view to its presentation at the October 2013 part-session;
- **Russian Federation** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC, and Ms Theodora Bakoyannis, Greece, EPP/CD): heard on oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Moscow and Yaroslavl (1-5 July 2013);
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria** (rapporteur: ...): appointed Mr Frano Matušić (Croatia, EPP/CD) rapporteur to replace Mr Luca Volontè (Italy, EPP/CD) and heard a declaration of non-conflict of interest;
- **Georgia** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC, and Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE): in the absence of the representative of the majority, decided to ask the rapporteurs to integrate the content of the information note on their visit to Georgia, which took place in April 2013, in their report on the functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia, foreseen to be submitted to the Assembly for the debate during the January 2014 part-session;

- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits:** authorised visits to Armenia, Georgia, Serbia and Ukraine;
- **Other business:**
  - held an exchange of views on the proposal of the Bureau of 2 September 2013 related to the follow-up to the situation in Hungary following the adoption of Assembly Resolution 1941 (2013);
  - **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 27-29 November 2013):** took note of the decision taken at the Bureau's meeting in Dubrovnik to create an ad-hoc Sub-Committee to participate in this event and asked members to contact the secretariat if they were interested in participating (in a delegation to be approved during the October session);
  - heard a declaration from Ms Chiora Taktakishvili (Georgia, ALDE) related to the observation of the upcoming presidential elections in Georgia;
- **Next meetings:**

decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

  - **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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cc. *Secretary General of the Assembly*  
*Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly*  
*Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly*  
*Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations*  
*Secretary General of the Congress*  
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