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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 28, 29 and 30 January 2014

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg, on 28, 29, and 30 January 2014, with first Mr Tadeusz Iwiński (Poland, SOC), the oldest member present, in the Chair, and then Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC):

- on Tuesday 28 January 2014 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **Composition of the Committee's Bureau:**
 - . elected Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) Chairperson
 - . elected Mr Aleksandar Nikoloski ("the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", EPP/CD) 1st Vice-Chairperson
 - . elected Ms Yulia L'ovochkina (Ukraine, EDG) 2nd Vice-Chairperson
 - . elected Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) 3rd Vice-Chairperson
 - **Debate under urgent procedure: Ukraine** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/DC): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation on "The functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine";
- on Wednesday 29 January 2014 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **The misuse of administrative resources during electoral processes:** held a hearing with participation of Mr Pierre Garrone, Head of Elections and Referendums Division, Secretariat of the Venice Commission, and Ms Beata Martin-Rozumilowicz, Head of the OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Department;
 - **Ad hoc sub-committee of the Monitoring Committee on the functioning of the parliamentary monitoring procedure:** constituted the ad hoc sub-committee and decided to declassify its mandate (see list of the members appended);
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey** (rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC): held an exchange of views on recent developments and adopted a declaration;
 - **Council for Democratic Elections (Venice Commission):** appointed, for the year 2014, Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE) as representative, and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD) as substitute to the Council for Democratic Elections;

- **on Thursday 30 January 2014 at 8.30 a.m.**, as regards:
 - **Debate under urgent procedure: Ukraine** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation on “The functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine” and adopted an addendum to the report;
 - **Exchange of views with Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the situation in Ukraine**: due to time constraints, postponed this item and decided to invite the Secretary General to its next meeting;

- **on Thursday 30 January 2014 at 2 p.m.**, as regards:
 - **Serbia** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Davit Harutyunyan, Armenia, EDG, and Mr Indrek Saar, Estonia, SOC): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Belgrade and Novi Sad (25-27 November 2013) and decided to declassify it;
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”** (rapporteur:): decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
 - **Georgia** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC, and Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Tbilisi (13-16 January 2014);
 - **Azerbaijan** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Pedro Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD, and Mr Joseph Debono Grech, Malta, SOC): decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
 - **Meeting in St Julians, Malta, 27-28 February 2014**: took note of the preparation of the meeting;
 - **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised visits to France, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine;
 - **Next meetings**:

decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

St Julians, Malta, 27-28 February 2014
Strasbourg, 7-11 April 2014 (during the Assembly part-session)
Paris, May 2014 (date to be determined)
Strasbourg, 23-27 June 2014 (during the Assembly part-session)
Paris, 3 September 2014 (to be confirmed)
Strasbourg, 29 September – 3 October 2014 (during the Assembly part-session)
Paris, 5 November 2014 (to be confirmed)
Paris, 11 December 2014 (to be confirmed)

The Ad hoc sub-committee of the Monitoring Committee on the functioning of the parliamentary monitoring procedure, meeting in Strasbourg on 30 January 2014 at 3 pm, with first Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) in the Chair, and then Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD), as regards:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau**: elected Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) Chairperson, and Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) Vice-Chairperson;
- **Development of the monitoring procedure**: held an exchange of views on the work of the ad hoc sub-committee and the timetable, and decided to come back to this issue at its next meeting;
- **Next meeting**: 27 or 28 February 2014 in St Julians, Malta.

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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
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

APPENDIX

**Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the
Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) /
Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du
Conseil de l'Europe (Commission de suivi)**

**Members of the ad hoc Sub-Committee
on the functioning of the parliamentary monitoring procedure**

***Membres de la Sous-commission ad hoc
sur le fonctionnement de la procédure de suivi parlementaire***

(as agreed at the committee's meeting on 30 January 2014 /
comme convenu à la réunion de la commission du 30 janvier 2014)

Chairperson / Président : AGRAMUNT Pedro (Spain / Espagne)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président : SCHENNACH Stefan (Austria / Autriche)

Socialist Group / Groupe socialiste

1. DURRIEU Josette (France)
 2. GROSS Andreas (Switzerland / Suisse)
 3. SLUTSKY Leonid (Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie)
 4. VUCKOVIC Natasa (Serbia / Serbie)
- Substitute / suppléant : IWINSKI Tadeusz (Poland / Pologne)

Group of the European People's Party / Groupe du Parti populaire européen

1. AGRAMUNT Pedro (Spain / Espagne)
 2. ALLAVENA Jean-Charles (Monaco)
 3. FISCHER Axel (Germany / Allemagne)
 4. NIKOLOSKI Aleksandar (« the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia » /
« l'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine »)
- Substitute / suppléant : PREDA Cezar Florin (Romania / Roumanie)

European Democrat Group / Groupe démocrate européen

1. CHOPE Christophe (United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni)
2. FETISOV Vyacheslav (Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie)
3. HARUTYUNYAN Davit (Armenia / Arménie)

**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe /
Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe**

1. LUNDGREN Kerstin (Sweden / Suède)
 2. REPS Mailis (Estonia / Estonie)
 3. XUCLA Jordi (Spain / Espagne)
- Substitute / suppléant : RIGONI Andrea (Italy / Italie)

Group of the Unified European Left / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne

1. VILLUMSEN Nikolaj (Denmark / Danemark)
 2. PETRENCO Grigore (Republic of Moldova / République de Moldova)
- Substitute / suppléant : HUNKO Andrej (Germany / Allemagne)

Ex officio:

SCHENNACH Stefan (Austria / Autriche), Chair of the plenary committee / *Président de la commission plénière*