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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 7, 8, 9 and 10 April 2014

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg, on 7, 8, 9 and 10 April 2014 with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC), Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- on Monday 7 April 2014 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **Reconsideration on substantive grounds of the previously ratified credentials of the Russian delegation:** appointed Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) rapporteur and heard a declaration of non-conflict of interest;
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”** (rapporteur: Mr Robert Walter, United Kingdom, EDG): held an exchange of views on the upcoming presidential and parliamentary elections; considered an information note by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Skopje (2-3 December 2013) and decided to declassify it;
 - **Serbia** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Davit Harutyunyan, Armenia, EDG, and Mr Indrek Saar, Estonia, SOC): heard an oral report by Mr Sasi on the observation of the early parliamentary elections held on 16 March 2014;
 - **Azerbaijan** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Pedro Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD, and Mr Joseph Debono Grech, Malta, SOC): held an exchange of views on recent developments;
- on Tuesday 8 April 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/DC): heard an oral report on the fact-finding visit of the Presidential Committee and the co-rapporteurs to Kyiv, Donetsk and Lviv (22 to 24 March 2014); held an exchange of views; considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution on “Recent developments in Ukraine: threats to the functioning of democratic institutions”;
- on Tuesday 8 April 2014 at 2 p.m., with Mr Cilevičs in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Reconsideration on substantive grounds of the previously ratified credentials of the Russian delegation** (rapporteur Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC): held an exchange of views, considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;

- **on Wednesday 9 April 2014 at 2 p.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 on “Recent developments in Ukraine: threats to the functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine”;
 - **Ad hoc sub-committee on the functioning of the parliamentary monitoring procedure**: due to lack of time, decided to postpone the next meeting of the sub-committee to 15 May 2014 in Paris (from 2.30 p.m.);
- **on Thursday 10 April 2014 at 8.30 a.m.**, with Mr Cilevičs and then Mr Schennach in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Reconsideration on substantive grounds of the previously ratified credentials of the Russian delegation** (rapporteur Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution;
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey** (rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC): held an exchange of views on recent developments;
 - **Replies by the Committee of Ministers**: took note of the reply to Recommendation 2025 (2013) on the functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
 - **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised visits to Monaco and Ukraine;
 - **Next meetings**:

decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Paris, 16 May 2014

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*)

Ad hoc sub-committee on the functioning of the parliamentary monitoring procedure:

Paris, 15 May 2014, from 2.30 p.m.

Caroline Ravaud, Agnieszka Nachilo, Bas Klein, Sylvie Affholder

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