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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 meetings held in Paris on 15 and 16 May 2014

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 16 May 2014, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) in the Chair:

– held an exchange of views with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly on current affairs issues of interest for the Committee;

and, as regards:

– **Ukraine** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD): was informed of the pre-electoral mission for the early presidential election of 25 May (29-30 April 2014) and held an exchange of views on recent developments;

– **Russian Federation** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC, and Ms Theodora Bakoyannis, Greece, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on recent developments and invited the co-rapporteurs to visit Russia at the earliest convenience;

– **Follow-up to Resolution 1990 on “Reconsideration on substantive grounds of the previously ratified credentials of the Russian delegation”**: held an exchange of views and invited the Chairperson to present a draft decision on the terms of reference and composition of an *ad hoc* sub-committee on “Russia’s Neighborhood Policy” at the next meeting of the committee;

– **Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** (rapporteur: Mr Robert Walter, United Kingdom, EDG): was informed on the observation of the presidential election of 13 April and early parliamentary elections of 27 April 2014, held an exchange of views on recent developments, adopted a declaration on the initiative of the rapporteur and decided to request the Bureau to send a post-electoral mission to Skopje;

– **Ad hoc sub-committee on the functioning of the parliamentary monitoring procedure**: was informed on the work to date by the Chair of the ad hoc sub-committee;

– **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised visits to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Ukraine and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”;

– **Other business**: decided to change the date of its November 2014 meeting to 14 November (instead of 5 November) in Paris (to be confirmed);

– **Next meetings:**

decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Plenary Committee:

Strasbourg, 23-27 June 2014 (during the Assembly part-session)

Paris, 3 September 2014

Strasbourg, 29 September – 3 October 2014 (during the Assembly part-session)

Paris, 14 November 2014 (*to be confirmed*)

Paris, 11 December 2014 (*to be confirmed*)

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

Strasbourg, 23-27 June 2014 (during the Assembly part-session)

The ad hoc Sub-Committee of the Monitoring Committee on the functioning of the parliamentary monitoring procedure, meeting in Paris on 15 May 2014, with Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

– ***Development of the monitoring procedure***: continued its exchange of views on the parliamentary monitoring procedure and instructed the Chair to prepare a preliminary draft report for consideration at its next meeting;

– ***Next meeting: Strasbourg***, 23-27 June 2014 (during the Assembly part-session)

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