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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 and 26 June 2014

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg, on 24 and 26 June 2014 with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC), Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **on Tuesday 24 June 2014 at 2 p.m.**, as regards:
 - **Albania** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Grigore Petrenco, Republic of Moldova, UEL and Mr Jonathan Evans, United Kingdom, EDG): considered the comments of the Albanian authorities on the preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania, held an exchange of views, approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution with a view to presenting the report at the October 2014 part-session;
 - **Georgia** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE and Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC): held an exchange of views, approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution with a view to presenting the report at the October 2014 part-session; agreed that the report would not be tabled until after the second round of the local elections in Georgia (*exact date to be confirmed*);
- **on Thursday 26 June 2014 at 8.30 a.m.**, with Mr Cilevičs and then Mr Schennach in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Montenegro** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Kimmo Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD and Mr Terry Leyden, Ireland, ALDE): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Podgorica and Budva from 14 to 16 April 2014 and held an exchange of views;
 - **Ad hoc Sub-Committee on the functioning of the parliamentary monitoring procedure**: considered and adopted a draft report presented by Mr Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) containing a contribution to the next resolution on the progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure; dissolved the sub-committee and thanked its members for their work; decided not to include a review of the situation in all 33 countries that are not under the monitoring procedure or under post-monitoring dialogue in the next progress report and instructed the Chairperson to instead propose in his next report a mechanism on how to structure the reporting on these countries in view of the conclusions of the sub-committee, as endorsed by the committee;
 - **Ad hoc Sub-Committee on Russia's Neighbourhood Policy**: held an exchange of views and adopted a draft decision on the establishment of an ad hoc Sub-Committee on Russia's Neighbourhood Policy, agreed that the sub-committee will hold its first meeting in Vienna on 19 September 2014 (subject to authorisation by the Bureau);

- **Serbia** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Indrek Saar, Estonia, SOC and ...): appointed Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EDG) co-rapporteur in place of Mr Davit Harutyunyan (Armenia, EDG), and heard from him a declaration of non-conflict of interest;
- **Ukraine** (Co-rapporteurs: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD): in the absence of the co-rapporteurs, decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- **World Forum for Democracy** (Strasbourg, 3-5 November 2014): appointed Mr Saar (Estonia, SOC) member of the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to attend the Forum on behalf of the committee;
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised visits to Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro and Serbia;
- **Next meetings:**

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 Russia's Neighbourhood Policy:

Vienna, 19 September 2014 (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau)

The ad hoc Sub-Committee on the functioning of the parliamentary monitoring procedure, meeting in Strasbourg on Monday 23 June 2014 with Mr Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Development of the monitoring procedure**: approved a draft report and agreed to transmit it the plenary committee for possible inclusion in the report on the progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure and agreed that the ad hoc sub-committee had thus completed its mandate.

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