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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 3 September 2014

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 3 September 2014, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), and then Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC), Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair as regards:

- **The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (October 2013–September 2014)** (*rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution, as amended, with a view to its presentation at the October 2014 part-session;
- **Montenegro** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Kimmo Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD and Mr Terry Leyden, Ireland, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro, decided to transmit it to the Montenegrin authorities for comments with a view to presenting the report at the January 2015 part-session and took note that the Montenegrin delegation agreed to send its comments by 14 November 2014;
- **Ukraine** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD*): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Kyiv and Odessa (8-11 July 2014), decided to declassify it and held an exchange of views on recent developments;
- **Azerbaijan** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Joseph Debono Grech, Malta, SOC, and Mr Pedro Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD*): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Baku and Sheki (19-21 May 2014) and decided to declassify it;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey** (*rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC*): considered an information note by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Istanbul, Ankara and Eskişehir (26-28 May 2014) and decided to declassify it as revised; held an exchange of views on the observation of the presidential election of 10 August 2014;
- **Armenia** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD and Mr Alan Meale, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Yerevan (16-18 June 2014) and decided to declassify it;
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD and Mr Roger Gale, United Kingdom, EDG*): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Sarajevo and Travnik (6-9 July 2014) and decided to declassify it;

- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Monaco** (*rapporteur: Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE*): heard an oral report by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Monaco (5-6 June 2014) and decided to invite Laurent Nouvion, President of the National Council, Jacques Rit, Chairperson of the Special Committee in charge of the modification of Elections Code as well as of the law of organisation and functioning of the National Council, and Laurent Anselmi, Director General of the Legal Affairs Department of the Government, at its meeting in October and/or November 2014 for an exchange of views on recent developments;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”** (*rapporteur: Mr Robert Walter, United Kingdom, EDG*): held an exchange of views on the post-electoral mission carried out by the Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee and the rapporteur (10 July 2014);
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised visits to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia and Ukraine;
- **Other business**: took note of a statement of Mr Giorgi Kandelaki (Georgia, EPP/CD) about the latest developments in Georgia;
- **Next meetings**:

decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Plenary Committee:

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

Paris, 14 November 2014

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

Ad hoc sub-committee on Russia’s Neighbourhood Policy with regard to other Council of Europe Member States:

Vienna, 22 September 2014

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