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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 29 and 30 September and 2 October 2014

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg, on 29 and 30 September and 2 October 2014 with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) in the Chair:

- on Monday 29 September 2014 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **Georgia** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE and Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC): approved an addendum to the report on the functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia and adopted amendments to the draft resolution on behalf of the committee;
 - **The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (October 2013–September 2014)** (rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC): approved an addendum to the report and adopted amendments to the draft resolution on behalf of the committee;
 - **Ukraine** (Co-rapporteurs: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on recent developments;
- on Tuesday 30 September 2014 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **Ukraine** (Co-rapporteurs: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD): continued the exchange of views on recent developments; decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the Lustration Law and agreed to hold an exchange of views with representatives of the Ukrainian parliament in the framework of a future meeting of the ad hoc sub-Committee on Russia's Neighbourhood Policy with regard to other Council of Europe Member States;
 - **Georgia** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE and Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC): took position on amendments to the draft resolution on the functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia;
- on Thursday 2 October 2014 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:
 - **The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (October 2013–September 2014)** (rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC): took position on amendments to the draft resolution;
 - **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD and Mr Roger Gale, United Kingdom, EC): heard an oral report by Mr Rouquet on the pre-electoral mission (17-20 September 2014);

– **France** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD, and Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC): heard an oral report by Mr Schennach on the fact-finding visit to Paris (11-12 September 2014);

– **Ad hoc Sub-Committee on Russia's Neighbourhood Policy with regard to other Council of Europe Member States:** heard an oral report by the Chairperson on the meeting held in Vienna on 22 September 2014, held an exchange of views, decided that the ad hoc sub-committee would meet in Berlin and left it to the Chair to decide on the date after consultation with the German Bundestag;

• **on Thursday 2 October 2014 at 2 p.m.**, as regards:

– **Albania** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Grigore Petrenco, Republic of Moldova, UEL and Mr Jonathan Evans, United Kingdom, EC): took position on amendments to the draft resolution on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania;

– **Republic of Moldova** (Co-rapporteurs: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC, and Mr Piotr Wach, Poland, EPP/CD): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit (23-26 September 2014) and held an exchange of views;

– **Post-monitoring dialogue with Monaco** (Rapporteur: Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE): heard an oral report by the rapporteur on recent developments; in the light of the information provided by the authorities, decided to organise, at its next meeting, an exchange of views with Mr Jacques Ritt, Chairperson of the Special Committee on modification of the law on the organisation and functioning of the National Council of Monaco, and agreed for the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Strasbourg and Monaco;

– **Authorisation of fact-finding visits:** authorised visits to Armenia and Monaco;

– **Next meetings:**

Paris, 14 November 2014

Paris, 11 December 2014

Strasbourg, 26 – 30 January 2015 (during the Assembly part-session)

Ad hoc Sub-Committee on Russia's Neighbourhood Policy with regard to other Council of Europe Member States:

Berlin, 1 December 2014 (date to be confirmed).

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