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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 27 and 28 May 2015

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 28 May 2015, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Consideration of the annulment of the previously ratified credentials of the delegation of the Russian Federation (follow-up to paragraph 16 of Resolution 2034 (2015))** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): held an exchange of views, approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution, as amended, with a view to its presentation during the June 2015 part-session;
- **Azerbaijan** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Pedro Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD and Mr Tadeusz Iwiński, Poland, SOC*): held an exchange of views, approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution, as amended, on the functioning of democratic institutions in Azerbaijan, with a view to its presentation during the June 2015 part-session;
- **Ad hoc Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Member States of the Council of Europe**: heard an oral report by the Chair on the first meeting of the ad hoc sub-committee, held an exchange of views and approved the proposal of the Sub-Committee to concentrate, in first instance, on the conflicts in the Republic of Moldova, Cyprus and in Ukraine, in particular Crimea, and to devote its next meeting to the Transnistrian conflict;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey** (*Rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC*): due to lack of time, postponed this item to its next meeting;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”** (*Rapporteur: Mr Robert Walter, United Kingdom, EC*): heard an oral report by the Chairperson on the committee delegation’s visit on 28-29 April 2015, and decided to return to this issue at its June meeting;
- **Ukraine** (*Co-rapporteurs: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, and Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, France, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ambassador Heidi Tagliavini, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group on the implementation of the peace plan in the east of Ukraine and with Sir Nicolas Bratza, Chair of the International Advisory Panel on Ukraine and agreed to return to the report on the fact-finding visit by the co-rapporteurs (18-22 May 2015) at its next meeting;
- **Committee rapporteurs**: took note of an information document drawn up by the Chair on the forthcoming vacant monitoring and post-monitoring rapporteurships and decided to appoint rapporteurs for the vacant positions at its next meeting;

- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits:** authorised a visit to Monaco by Mr Xuclà in the framework of the follow-up to Resolution 2052 (2015);
- **Other business :** heard a proposal of Ms Lise Christoffersen (Norway, SOC) and Mr Piotr Wach (Poland, EPP/CD) and agreed to invite the newly elected Governor (*Bashkan*) of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia-Yeri at one of its next meetings, in the framework of a discussion on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by the Republic of Moldova ;
- **Next meetings:** thanked the parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina for its invitation to host a meeting in Sarajevo in September 2015 and decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

**Strasbourg**, 22-26 June 2015 (during the Assembly part-session)

**Sarajevo**, 3-4 September 2015

**Strasbourg**, 28 September – 2 October 2015 (during the Assembly part-session)

**Paris**, 3 November 2015 (*to be confirmed*)

**Paris**, 9 December 2015 (*to be confirmed*).

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**The ad hoc Sub-Committee on Conflicts between member States of the Council of Europe**, meeting in Paris on 27 May 2015:

- elected Mr Schennach (Austria, SOC) Chair of the ad hoc sub-committee by acclamation;
- elected Mr Wach (Poland, EPP/CD) Vice-Chair by acclamation;
- held an exchange of views on its work programme;
- agreed to hold its next meeting in connection with the Committee meeting in Sarajevo on 3 September 2015.

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cc. *Secretary General of the Assembly*  
*Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly*  
*Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly*  
*Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations*  
*Secretary General of the Congress*  
*Secretary to the Committee of Ministers*  
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