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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 November 2015

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 3 November 2015, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Albania** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Jonathan Evans, United Kingdom, EC, and Mr Andrej Hunko, Germany, UEL): considered an information note on the co-rapporteurs' fact-finding visit to Tirana (29-30 June 2015), held an exchange of views, and agreed to declassify the information note;
- **Ukraine** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE, and ...): appointed Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD) co-rapporteur on Ukraine in place of Mr Jean-Claude Mignon (France, EPP/CD) who had resigned, and heard from him a declaration of non-conflict of interest;
- **Armenia** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Alan Meale, United Kingdom SOC, and ...): postponed this item to its next meeting;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"** (Co-rapporteurs: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC, and Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on recent developments in the country and, in the absence of the representatives of the delegation of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and the international mediator Mr Peter Vanhoutte, postponed this item to its December 2015 or January 2016 meeting;
- **Republic of Moldova** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Piotr Wach, Poland, EPP/CD, and Ms Valentina Leskaj, Albania, SOC): held an exchange of views with Ms Irina Vlah, Governor (Bashkan) of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia-Yeri of the Republic of Moldova; held an exchange of views on the recent developments in the Republic of Moldova;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey** (Co-rapporteurs: Ms Ingebjørg Godskesen, Norway, EC, and Ms Nataša Vučković, Serbia, SOC): heard an oral report by Mr Andreas Gross, Chairperson of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections in Turkey, on the elections of 1 November 2015 and held an exchange of views; agreed to ask the Venice Commission to analyse the conformity with European human rights standards of Article 299 of the criminal code on defamation of the President of the Republic, and its application in practice, in the framework of the opinion currently under preparation following Assembly Resolution 2035 (2015);
- **Azerbaijan** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Tadeusz Iwiński, Poland, SOC, and Mr Agustín Conde, Spain, EPP/CD): postponed this item to its next meeting;

- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Paris, 9 December 2015

Strasbourg, 25 – 29 January 2016 (during the Assembly part-session)

Paris, 9 – 10 March 2016 (*to be confirmed*)

Caroline Ravaud, Bas Klein, Sylvie Affholder, Delphine Freymann

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