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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 8 March 2017

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 8 March 2017, with Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Philippe Mahoux (Belgium, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Ingebjørg Godskesen, Norway, EC, and Ms Marianne Mikko, Estonia, SOC): rejected the request from the Head of the Turkish delegation not to consider the draft report on the functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey; approved a report and adopted a draft resolution, as amended, on the functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey in view of its presentation during the April part-session of the Assembly;
- **Preliminary draft periodic review reports on countries not under the monitoring procedure stricto sensu or engaged in a post-monitoring dialogue** (Rapporteur ex officio: Mr Cezar Florin Preda, Romania, EPP/CD): in the absence of members of the Greek delegation, agreed to postpone consideration of the preliminary draft review report on Greece to the next meeting;
- **Republic of Moldova** (Co-rapporteurs: Ms Valentina Leskaj, Albania, SOC, and): agreed to postpone the appointment of a rapporteur to replace Mr Ögmundur Jónasson (Iceland, UEL) to its next meeting;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Ionuț Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD and) agreed to postpone the appointment of a rapporteur to replace Mr Terry Leyden (Ireland, ALDE) to its next meeting;
- **Azerbaijan** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC, and Mr Cezar Florin Preda, Romania, EPP/CD): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Baku (12-14 January 2017), held an exchange of views and agreed to declassify the information note;
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised a visit to Albania;
- **Next meetings**: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
Strasbourg, 24-28 April 2017 (during the Assembly part-session)
Helsinki, 15-16 May 2017
Strasbourg, 26-30 June 2017 (during the Assembly part-session)
Paris, 7 September 2017 (to be confirmed)

The Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Member States of the Council of Europe, meeting in Paris on 8 March 2017, with Mr Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC) and then Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) in the Chair:

- elected Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) Chair of the sub-committee by acclamation
- elected Mr Giuseppe Galati (Italy, EPP/CD) Vice-Chair of the sub-committee by acclamation;
- agreed to hold its next meetings as follows:

Helsinki, 15 May 2017 (half-day meeting)

Vienna, 12 June 2017 (*subject to authorisation of the Assembly Bureau*).

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cc. *Secretary General of the Assembly*

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