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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 26, 27 and 29 June 2017

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg, on 26, 27 and 29 June 2017, with Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Philippe Mahoux (Belgium, SOC) in the Chair:

• on Monday 26 June 2017 at 2 p.m., as regards:

– **Ukraine** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD and ...): decided that Mr Xuclà had breached the code of conduct for rapporteurs of the Parliamentary Assembly and therefore decided to withdraw his mandate as co-rapporteur for the monitoring of the honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine in line with Article 3 of the Code of Conduct for rapporteurs of the Parliamentary Assembly; agreed to appoint a new co-rapporteur for the monitoring of the honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine at its October 2017 meeting;

• on Tuesday 27 June 2017 at 2 p.m., as regards:

– **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination**: held an exchange of views with Ms Elena Centemero, Chairperson, on the work of that committee;

– **Turkey** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Marianne Mikko, Estonia, SOC, and Mr Nigel Evans, United Kingdom, EC): appointed Ms Marianne Mikko (Estonia, SOC) and Mr Nigel Evans (United Kingdom, EC) co-rapporteurs for the monitoring of obligations and commitments by Turkey and heard from them declarations of non-conflict of interest; held an exchange of views on the current situation in the country and asked the co-rapporteurs to visit the country as soon as possible;

– **Georgia** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE, and Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC): considered the information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Tbilisi (28-30 March 2017), held an exchange of views and agreed to declassify the information note; appointed Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) co-rapporteur in place of Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) and heard from him a declaration of non-conflict of interest;

– **Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC, and Mr Valeriu Ghileţchi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Skopje (30 May-1 June 2017) and held an exchange of views;

• on Thursday 29 June 2017 at 8.30 a.m., as regards:

– **Azerbaijan** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC, and Mr Cezar Florin Preda, Romania, EPP/CD): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Baku (12-14 June 2017) and held an exchange of views;

– **Armenia** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Alan Meale, United Kingdom, SOC, and Mr Giuseppe Galati, Italy, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on the parliamentary elections of 2 April 2017;

– **Albania** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Andrej Hunko, Germany, UEL, and Mr Joseph O'Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on the parliamentary elections of 25 June 2017;

– **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised visits to Azerbaijan, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and Turkey;

– **Other business:**

• **The functioning of democratic institutions in Poland** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Yves Cruchten, Luxembourg, SOC, and ...): took note that Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD) was no longer a member of the committee and agreed to appoint a co-rapporteur to replace him at its next meeting;

• **Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Council of Europe Member States**: was informed by Mr Stefan Schennach, Chair of the sub-committee, that the meeting of the sub-Committee of 9 June in Vienna had had to be postponed for organisational reasons and accepted an invitation by the Greek parliament to organise this meeting in Athens on 25 September 2017;

• **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2017)**: invited interested members to become members of the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to attend the Forum on behalf of the committee (in addition to Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), already appointed) and took note of the draft programme;

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

Plenary committee:

Paris, 7 September 2017

Strasbourg, 9-13 October 2017 (during the Assembly part-session)

Paris, 15 November 2017 (to be confirmed)

Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Council of Europe Member States:

Athens, 25 September 2017

Paris, 16 November 2017 (to be confirmed).

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