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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 7 September 2017

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 7 September 2017, with Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Philippe Mahoux (Belgium, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Vice-Chairperson of the Committee:** agreed to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- **Azerbaijan** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC, and Mr Cezar Florin Preda, Romania, EPP/CD): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution, as amended, on the functioning of democratic institutions in Azerbaijan in view of its presentation during the October 2017 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): considered a preliminary draft report on Hungary and agreed to send it to the Hungarian delegation for comments to be submitted within three months;
- **The functioning of democratic institutions in Poland** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Yves Cruchten, Luxemburg, SOC, and ...): agreed to postpone the appointment of a new co-rapporteur to its next meeting;
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (Co-rapporteurs: Sir Roger Gale, United Kingdom, EC, and Mr Tiny Kox, Netherlands, UEL): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on the last fact-finding visit to Sarajevo (5-6 September 2017) and held an exchange of views; regretted that the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina did not send its comments on the preliminary draft report within the deadline, agreed to extend the deadline to 30 October 2017 and urged the delegation to submit its comments before this date in view of the presentation of this report at the January 2018 part-session.
- **Serbia** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Samad Seyidov, Azerbaijan, EC, and Ms Maria Guzenina, Finland, SOC): in the absence of the Serbian delegation, agreed to postpone the oral report on the co-rapporteurs' fact finding visit to Serbia (18-21 July 2017) to its next meeting;
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits:** authorised visits to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia;
- **Other business:**
  - **Ukraine** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD, and ...): decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the Law of Ukraine "on amending certain Laws of Ukraine regarding peculiarities of financial control over certain categories of public officials" as adopted on 3 March 2017 by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;

- **Republic of Moldova** (Co-rapporteurs: Ms Valentina Leskaj, Albania, SOC, and Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the legal framework governing the funding of political parties and campaigns, as well as the recent amendments to the electoral legislation; was informed that Ms Valentina Leskaj (Albania, SOC) would leave the Assembly as of the October 2017 part-session, and agreed to appoint a new co-rapporteur to replace her at its next meeting;

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

*Plenary Committee:*

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

**Paris**, 15 November 2017 (to be confirmed)

**Paris**, 13 December 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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cc. *Secretary General of the Assembly*

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