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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 of the Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Council of Europe Member States held in Athens on 25 September 2017

The Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Council of Europe Member States (of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)), meeting in Athens on 25 September 2017, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) in the Chair:

- heard welcome addresses by Mr Nikos Voutsis, Speaker of the Hellenic Parliament, and Ms Ioanneta Kavvadia, Chairperson of the Greek delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly;
- heard the keynote speech by Mr Klaus Kögeler, Deputy Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE on the priorities of the Austrian chairmanship-in-office of the OSCE with regard to conflict resolution, and held an exchange of views;
- **Exchange of views with the Special Representatives of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office of the official mediation mechanisms for conflicts under the attention of the sub-committee:** held an exchange of views with the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group, Ambassador Martin Sajdik, and the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transnistrian Settlement Process, Ambassador Wolf-Dietrich Heim;
- **Consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia:** in the absence of members of the Georgian delegation, agreed to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- **“Russian racial discrimination of Crimean Tatars in Crimea”:** agreed to propose that the Monitoring Committee organises at a next meeting a hearing on this subject with the participation of, *inter alia*, NGOs working on the human rights situation in Crimea and representatives of the Crimean Tatars;
- **Nagorno-Karabakh:** reiterated its decision to postpone any possible activities by the sub-committee until after 2018; agreed that until then the co-rapporteurs for Armenia and Azerbaijan would try to meet with the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group and Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the conflict dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference; welcomed the offer by the Austrian Chairmanship representative to facilitate a meeting between the co-rapporteurs, the Personal Representative and the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group;
- **Next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 16 November 2017 in Paris; agreed to organise a hearing on the Transnistrian Settlement Process on that occasion.

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cc. *Secretary General of the Assembly*

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