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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 15 November 2017

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 15 November 2017, with Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Philippe Mahoux (Belgium, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Draft 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 and endorsed the draft periodic review reports on Estonia, Greece, and Ireland, as revised on the basis of the comments of the national delegations and the respective authorities, for inclusion in the report on “The progress of the Assembly’s monitoring procedure (January 2017 – December 2017)”;
- **Republic of Moldova** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD, and ...*): appointed Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC) co-rapporteur in place of Ms Valentina Leskaj and heard from her a declaration of absence of any conflict of interest;
- **The functioning of democratic institutions in Poland** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Yves Cruchten, Luxembourg, SOC, and...*): appointed Ms Elisabeth Schneider-Schneiter (Switzerland, EPP/CD) co-rapporteur in place of Mr Thierry Mariani and heard from her a declaration of absence of any conflict of interest;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs**: heard the proposal of the Chair for internal guidelines with regard to the appointment procedure for (co-) rapporteurs for reports under consideration by the Monitoring Committee, and agreed to hold the discussion on this proposal during its next meeting;
- **Armenia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Alan Meale, United Kingdom, SOC, and Mr Giuseppe Galati, Italy, EPP/CD*): heard an oral report by a co-rapporteur on the recent fact-finding visit of the co-rapporteurs to Yerevan (6-7 November 2017);
- **Other business:**
  - **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (*Co-rapporteurs: Sir Roger Gale, United Kingdom, EC, and Mr Tiny Kox, Netherlands, UEL*): in view of the forthcoming consideration of the draft report on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina during the next meeting of the Committee, deeply regretted the failure by the Bosnian authorities and its parliamentary delegation to provide comments on the preliminary draft report, despite the extension of the deadline by the committee;
  - **Sub-Committee on conflicts between Council of Europe member states**: heard a statement by Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson the Sub-Committee, regarding the postponement of the subcommittee meeting that was originally planned for 16 November and agreed to ask the

Chairperson of the sub-committee to select a new date for the subcommittee meeting before the January 2018 part session of the Assembly;

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

**Paris**, 13 December 2017 (to be confirmed)

**Strasbourg**, 22-26 January 2018 (during the Assembly part-session)

**Paris**, 13 March 2018 (to be confirmed).

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cc. *Secretary General of the Assembly*

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*Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly*

*Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations*

*Secretary General of the Congress*

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