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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 13 December 2017

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 13 December 2017, with Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Philippe Mahoux (Belgium, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Roger Gale, United Kingdom, EC, and Mr Tiny Kox, Netherlands, UEL): while deeply regretting the absence of the representatives of the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina with a view to its presentation during the January 2018 part-session;
- **The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January – December 2017)** (Rapporteur ex officio): Mr Cezar Florin Preda, Romania, EPP/CD):
  - **Draft periodic review reports of countries not under the monitoring procedure *sensu stricto* or engaged in a post-monitoring dialogue:** considered and endorsed the draft periodic review report on Hungary, as revised on the basis of the comments from the Hungarian authorities, for inclusion in the report on "The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure";
  - **Draft report on "The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January – December 2017)":** considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, as amended, with a view to its presentation during the January 2018 part-session;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs:** considered and approved a proposal by the chair for internal guidelines with regard to the appointment procedure of rapporteurs;
- **Montenegro** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD, and Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Podgorica (2-4 October 2017) and agreed to declassify it;
- **Georgia** (Co-rapporteurs: Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE and Mr Titus Corlățean, Romania, SOC): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Tbilisi (20-22 November 2017);
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits:** authorised a fact-finding visit to Poland;
- **Other business:**
  - Following a proposal by the co-rapporteurs Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD) and Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE), decided to request the opinion of the Venice Commission on two Ukrainian draft laws no. 6674 "On Introducing Changes to the Tax Code of Ukraine to Ensure Public Transparency of the Financing of Public Associations and the Use of International

*Technical Assistance” and no. 6675 “On Introducing Changes to Some Legislative Acts to Ensure Public Transparency of Information on Finance Activity of Public Associations and on the Use of International Technical Assistance”;*

- took note that Mr Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC) had left the Assembly, and agreed to appoint a new co-rapporteur for Armenia to replace him at its next meeting;
- Heard a statement by Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Conflicts between member states, and agreed to organise the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on 16 January 2018 in Paris, pending the availability of the guest speakers for the hearing;
- Thanked its Vice-Chair Mr Philippe Mahoux (Belgium, SOC), who is leaving the Assembly, for his contribution to the work of the Committee;

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

*Plenary Committee:*

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

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

**Strasbourg**, 23-27 April 2018 (during the Assembly part-session)

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

**Paris**, 16 January 2018 (*to be confirmed*).

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cc. *Secretary General of the Assembly*

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