



SECRETARIAT

AS/Mon (2018) CB 08
20 November 2018

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 Paris on 16 November 2018

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris, on 16 November 2018, with Sir Roger Gale (United Kingdom, EC) in the Chair:

- **Georgia** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE and Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteur on the fact-finding visit to Tbilisi (6-8 November 2018) and held an exchange of views;
- **Draft reports on countries not under the monitoring procedure stricto sensu and engaged in a post-monitoring dialogue** (ex officio Rapporteur: Sir Roger Gale, United Kingdom, EC): considered and endorsed the draft periodic review report on Iceland, for inclusion in the report on “The progress of the Assembly’s monitoring procedure (January – December 2018)”; following the request of the Italian delegation, agreed to consider the draft periodic review report on Italy at its next meeting;
- **Monitoring procedure: strengthening its efficiency and efficacy**: held an exchange of views on a memorandum prepared by the Chairperson of the Committee and invited him to include the conclusions of the discussion in the Progress report to be considered at the forthcoming meeting;
- **Serbia** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Maria Guzenina, Finland, SOC and Mr Robert Goodwill, United Kingdom, EC): considered a memorandum on the state of preparation of the report on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Serbia prepared by the co-rapporteurs, held an exchange of views and took note of the work plan proposed by the co-rapporteurs;
- **Establishment of a European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights**: appointed Mr Andrej Šircelj (Slovenia, EPP/CD), rapporteur for opinion on a report prepared by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs (rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC) and heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from him;
- **Republic of Moldova** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD, and Ms Maryvonne Blondin, France, SOC): heard a statement by the co-rapporteur on recent developments in the country and held an exchange of views;
- **Sub-committee on conflicts between Council of Europe member States**: heard a statement by Ms Tamar Chugoshvili (Georgia, SOC), Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held in Strasbourg on 11 October 2018 and agreed to postpone the organisation of a seminar on “The Council of Europe contribution to the Human Rights aspects of the Transnistrian Settlement Process” to a later stage, following a request from the Moldovan delegation due to the upcoming parliamentary elections;

- **Other business:** took note of the following information documents: state of procedures [AS/Mon/Inf (2018) 16] and work programme [AS/Mon/Inf (2018) 17];
- **Next meetings:** agreed to hold a meeting of the Committee in London on 16 and 17 May 2019, subject to the authorisation by the Bureau and the availability of funds and decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Paris, 12 December 2018

Strasbourg, 21-25 January 2019 (during the Assembly part-session)

Paris, 6 March 2019 (*tbc*)

Strasbourg, 8-12 April 2019 (during the Assembly part-session)

London, 16-17 May 2019, subject to the authorisation by the Bureau and the availability of funds

Strasbourg, 24-28 June 2019 (during the Assembly part-session);

Paris, 10 September 2019 (*tbc*)

Strasbourg, 30 September-4 October 2019 (during the Assembly part-session);

Paris, 13 November 2019 (*tbc*)

Paris, 11 December 2019 (*tbc*).

Agnieszka Nachilo, Bas Klein, Sylvie Affholder, Alexis Salanson

Copy to:

Secretary General of the Assembly

Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly

Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly

Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations

Secretary General of the Congress

Secretary to the Committee of Ministers

Directors General

Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights

Director of Communication

Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe