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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 held by videoconference
on 10 September 2020**

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting by videoconference on 10 September 2020 in camera, with Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Armenia** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC and Ms Boriana Åberg, Sweden, EPP/CD*): appointed Ms Boriana Åberg (Sweden, EPP/CD) as co-rapporteur for the honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia and heard from her a declaration of non-conflict of interest;
- **Democracies facing the Covid-19 pandemic** (*Rapporteur for report: Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): appointed Ms Yuliya Lovochkina (Ukraine, SOC) as rapporteur for opinion and heard from her a declaration of non-conflict of interest;
- **Russian Federation** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Axel Schäfer, Germany, SOC and Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by Mr Leonid Volkov, Anti-Corruption Foundation, and held an exchange of views on the recent developments in relation to Mr Alexei Navalny; held an exchange of views on the “All-Russian vote” of 1 July 2020 and on recent developments in the country; heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on the round table on Human Rights and Democracy in the Russian Federation (by videoconference on 9 September 2020);
- **Azerbaijan** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC and Sir Roger Gale, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs and held an exchange of views on recent developments in the country;
- **Military hostilities between Armenia and Azerbaijan** (*co-rapporteurs for Armenia: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC and Ms Boriana Åberg, Sweden, EPP/CD*) and *co-rapporteurs for Azerbaijan: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC and Sir Roger Gale, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): heard an introductory statement by Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Council of Europe member States, held an exchange of views and entrusted the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee to write a letter to the two delegations about possible follow-up activities by the Sub-Committee;
- **Montenegro** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Anne Mulder, Netherlands, ALDE and Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, Lithuania, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on recent electoral developments; made a call for candidates to replace, at its next meeting, Mr Anne Mulder who would be leaving the Assembly;
- **Serbia** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, United Kingdom, EC/DA and Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC*): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs and held an exchange of views on recent developments after the parliamentary elections in Serbia (21 June 2020);
- **Republic of Moldova** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD and Ms Maryvonne Blondin, France, SOC*): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on recent developments in the country and held an exchange of views; made a call for candidates to replace, at its next meeting, Ms Maryvonne Blondin who would be leaving the Assembly;

- **Other business:** took note of the resignation of Ms Dzhema Grozdanova (Bulgaria, EPP/CD) and made a call for candidates to replace her at the next meeting;
- **Next meetings:**
 - Videoconference, 5 October 2020
 - Strasbourg, 12-16 October 2020 (during the October part-session) (tbc)
 - Paris, 13 November 2020 (Council of Europe Office) (tbc)
 - Paris, 10 December 2020 (Council of Europe Office) (tbc)

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