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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 15 April 2021

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting by videoconference on 15 April 2021 in camera, with Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, Lithuania, EPP/CD and Mr Damien Cottier, Switzerland, ALDE): held an exchange of views on the opinion on the draft amendments to the Law on State Prosecution Service and the draft law on Prosecutor's Office for Organised Crime and Corruption, with Mr James Hamilton, former member of the Venice Commission for Ireland and former Director of Public Prosecutions of Ireland;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Turkey** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Thomas Hammarberg, Sweden, SOC and Mr John Howell, United Kingdom, EC/DA): held a hearing on "The follow-up to [Resolution 2347 \(2020\)](#): recent developments with respect to the rights of the opposition" with the participation of Mr Philippe Dam, Advocacy Director, Europe and Central Asia Division, Human Rights Watch, Professor Osman Can, University of Marmara, Faculty of Law, Department of Constitutional Law and Mr Mustafa Tayyip Çiçek, Deputy Director General of International Relations and EU Affairs, Ministry of Justice; following a vote, agreed to support the proposal of the leaders of the five political groups to hold an urgent procedure debate on The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Aleksander Pocij, Poland, EPP/CD and Mr Frank Schwabe, Germany, SOC): held an exchange of views on recent developments regarding the parliamentary elections (4 April 2021);
- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Malta** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Bernard Fournier, France, EPP/CD and Mr George Loucaides, Cyprus, UEL): appointed Mr George Loucaides (Cyprus, UEL) rapporteur on the honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Malta to replace Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir (Iceland, UEL) and heard from him a declaration of non-conflict of interest;
- **Sub-committee on conflicts between Council of Europe Member States**: heard an oral statement by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee of the meeting held on 9 March 2021;
- **Call for candidates**: made a call for candidates for the following reports:
 - The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France
 - The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by the Netherlands
 - The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by San Marino

– **Other business:** heard a statement by Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Chairperson of the delegation of Azerbaijan to the Parliamentary Assembly on the draft statement on Military hostilities between Armenia and Azerbaijan to be submitted to Committee members for adoption during the next meeting of the Committee;

– **Next meetings:**

- Strasbourg, 19-22 April 2021 (during the Assembly part-session)
- 19 May 2021
- Strasbourg, 21-25 June 2021 (during the Assembly part-session)
- 13 September 2021
- Strasbourg, 27 September-1 October 2021 (during the Assembly part-session)
- 16 November 2021
- 14 December 2021

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