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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 in a hybrid manner on 19-22 April 2021

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in a hybrid manner on 19-22 April 2021 in camera, with Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark, ALDE) and Ms Azadeh Rojhan Gustafsson (Sweden, SOC) in the Chair:

Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark, ALDE) in the Chair:

- **on Monday, 19 April 2021 at 2.00 pm.**, as regards:
 - **Urgent debate procedure on “The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey”** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Thomas Hammarberg, Sweden, SOC and Mr John Howell, United Kingdom, EC/DA): confirmed the appointment of the two co-rapporteurs on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Turkey as co-rapporteurs for the report on “The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey” to be debated under urgent procedure;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Russian Federation** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Axel Schäfer, Germany, SOC and Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Netherlands, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on the interim opinion of the Venice Commission on “the Russian constitutional amendments and the procedure for their adoption”, with Ms Claire Bazy Malaurie, Member of the Venice Commission for France;
 - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Yelysaveta Yasko, Ukraine, EPP/CD and Ms Fiona O’Loughlin, Ireland, ALDE): appointed Ms Yelysaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) and Ms Fiona O’Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE) as co-rapporteurs on the periodic review report on the honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France and heard from them a declaration of non-conflict of interest;
 - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by The Netherlands** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Antonio Gutiérrez, Spain, SOC and Mr Iulian Bulai, Romania, ALDE): appointed Mr Antonio Gutiérrez (Spain, SOC) and Mr Iulian Bulai (Romania, ALDE) as co-rapporteurs on the periodic review report on the honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by The Netherlands and heard from them a declaration of non-conflict of interest;
 - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by San Marino** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Viorel-Riceard Badea, Romania, EPP/CD and Mr Andrej Hunko, Germany, UEL): appointed Mr Viorel-Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL) as co-rapporteurs on the periodic review report on the honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by San-Marino and heard from them a declaration of non-conflict of interest;

Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark, ALDE) in the Chair:

- **on Tuesday, 20 April 2021 at 6.00 pm.**, as regards:
 - **Urgent debate procedure on “The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey”** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Thomas Hammarberg, Sweden, SOC and Mr John Howell, United Kingdom, EC/DA): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended;

Ms Azadeh Rojhan Gusfasson (Sweden, SOC) in the Chair:

- **on Wednesday, 21 April 2021 at 2.00 pm.**, as regards:
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, Lithuania, EPP/CD and Mr Damien Cottier, Switzerland, ALDE): confirmed its position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution and took position on one sub-amendment;

Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark, ALDE) in the Chair:

- **on Thursday, 22 April 2021 at 8.00 am.**, as regards:
 - **Election of a Vice-Chairperson of the Committee**: elected by acclamation Mr Bernard Fournier (France, EPP/CD) as First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee;
 - **Urgent debate procedure on “The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey”** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Thomas Hammarberg, Sweden, SOC and Mr John Howell, United Kingdom, EC/DA): took position on 5 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **The conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan**: considered and adopted a revised draft statement on The conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan;
 - **Next meetings**:
 - 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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