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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 19 May 2021

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting by videoconference on 19 May 2021 in camera, with Ms Inese Lībiņa-Egnere (Latvia, EPP/CD) and Mr Bernard Fournier (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

• **on Wednesday, 19 May 2021 at 10.00 am.**, with Ms Inese Lībiņa-Egnere (Latvia, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

– ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova*** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC and Ms Inese Lībiņa-Egnere, Latvia, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views with Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Secretary of the Venice Commission, considered and declassified an information note on recent political developments;

– ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia*** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC and Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE): held an exchange of views with Mr Michael Frendo, member of the Venice Commission for Malta, on the recent opinions of the Venice Commission, inter alia, on the amendments to the Law on Common Courts, on the amendments to the Election Code of Georgia and the Law on electronic communications, and the Law on broadcasting;

– ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania*** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Joe O'Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD and Mr Petter Eide, Norway, UEL): in the absence of the rapporteurs, agreed to postpone until the next meeting the exchange of views on recent developments following the parliamentary elections (25 April 2021);

• **on Wednesday, 19 May 2021 at 2.00 pm.**, with Mr Bernard Fournier (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

– ***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): held an exchange of views with Mr David Dolidze, member of the secretariat of the Group of States against corruption (GRECO) in charge of Malta and Mr Martin Kuijer, substitute member of the Venice Commission for the Netherlands;

– ***The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Romania*** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Edmon Marukyan, Armenia, ALDE and Ms Jette Christensen, Norway, SOC): held an exchange of views with Ms Liubov Samokhina, member of the secretariat of the Group of States against corruption (GRECO) in charge of Romania and Mr Martin Kuijer, substitute member of the Venice Commission for the Netherlands;

– ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia*** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC and Ms Boriána Åberg, Sweden, EPP/CD): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteur of the remote meeting with experts (13 April 2021) and held an exchange of views with Mr Eirik Holmøyvik, member of the Venice Commission for Norway, on the opinion of the Venice Commission on amendments to the Electoral Code and related legislation;

- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary** (co-rapporteurs: Mr George Papandreu, Greece, SOC and Mr František Kopřiva, Czech Republic, ALDE): postponed until the next meeting the oral report by the co-rapporteurs of the remote meetings on the situation of media (12-13 April 2021);
- **Call for candidates:** made a call for candidates for the report on The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina, to replace Mr Zsolt Németh;
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2021: call for nominations:** took note that the deadline for submitting nominations was 30 June 2021;
- **Next meetings:**
  - Strasbourg, 21-24 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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