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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 13 September 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 13 September 2021 in camera, with Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark, ALDE) in the Chair:

- on Monday, 13 September 2021 at 10.00 am., as regards:
  - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary** (co-rapporteurs: Mr George Papandreou, Greece, SOC and Mr František Kopřiva, Czech Republic, ALDE): considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to send it to the authorities of Hungary for comments to be submitted by 26 October 2021 latest;
  - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC and Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs of their fact-finding visit to Tbilisi (1-3 June 2021) and agreed to declassify it;
  - **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): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs of their fact-finding visit to Moscow (28-30 June 2021) and held an exchange of views;
  - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Alfred Heer, Switzerland, ALDE and Mr Birgir Þórarinnsson, Iceland, EPP/CD): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteur of their fact-finding visit to Kyiv (5-7 July 2021) and held an exchange of views;
  - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC and Ms Boriána Åberg, Sweden, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on recent developments following the early parliamentary elections (20 June 2021) with the participation of Mr George Katrougalos (Greece, UEL), Chairperson of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau on the electoral observation mission to Armenia;
  - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Aleksander Pociąg, Poland, EPP/CD and Mr Frank Schwabe, Germany, SOC): held an exchange of views, on recent developments following the early parliamentary elections (11 July 2021) with the participation of Mr Alfred Heer (Switzerland, ALDE), Chairperson of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau on the electoral observation mission to Bulgaria;
- on Monday, 13 September 2021 at 2.00 pm., as regards:
  - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Turkey** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Thomas Hammarberg, Sweden, SOC and Mr John Howell, United Kingdom, EC/DA): held an exchange of views on the on-going procedure aimed at dissolving the People's Democratic Party (HDP) and on recent developments;

- **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): heard a statement by the co-rapporteur on the state of play of the preparation of the report;
- **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): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on the state of play of the preparation of the report and held an exchange of views;
- **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 on recent developments following the early parliamentary elections (11 July 2021);
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Tiny Kox, Netherlands, UEL and...): postponed until the next meeting the appointment of a co-rapporteur on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- **Call for candidates:** made a call for candidates for the following reports:
  - The honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania, to replace Mr Petter Eide, Norway, UEL
  - The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Romania, to replace Mr Edmon Marukyan, Armenia, ALDE and Ms Jette Christensen, Norway, SOC
  - Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro, to replace Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, Lithuania, EPP/CD;
- **World Forum for Democracy on “Can Democracy save the environment?” (Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2021):** appointed Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC) to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum;
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits:** authorised the respective co-rapporteurs to conduct fact-finding visits to Georgia, Malta and Ukraine, subject to the availability of financial resources;
- **Other business:** was informed of, and accepted the oral invitation by the Chairperson to hold a meeting of the Committee to Copenhagen (Denmark) before the end of the year, subject to a written invitation by the Parliament of Denmark and subject to the authorisation by the Bureau and to the availability of financial resources;
- **Next meetings:**
  - Strasbourg, 27-30 September (hybrid, during the Assembly part-session)
  - 16 November 2021 [Strasbourg, format TBC]
  - 14 December 2021[Strasbourg, format TBC]

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