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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 29 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 29 September 2021 in camera, with Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark, ALDE) in the Chair:

- **on Wednesday, 29 September 2021 at 2.00 pm.**, as regards:
 - ***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 recent developments following the parliamentary elections (17-19 September 2021) with Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), Chairperson of the Election Assessment Mission and agreed to organise a follow up hearing with the participation of experts at one of its next meetings;
 - ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina*** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Tiny Kox, Netherlands, UEL and Mr Zsolt Németh, Hungary, EC/DA): appointed Mr Zsolt Németh (Hungary, EC/DA) as co-rapporteur on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina, subject to receiving his declaration of non-conflict of interests;
 - ***The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Romania*** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Petri Honkonen, Finland, ALDE and Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC): appointed Mr Petri Honkonen (Finland, ALDE) and Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC) as co-rapporteurs on the honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Romania and heard from them a declaration of non-conflict of interests;
 - ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania*** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Joseph O'Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD and...): postponed until the next meeting the appointment of a rapporteur on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania;
 - ***The post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro*** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Damien Cottier, Switzerland, ALDE and...): postponed until the next meeting the appointment of a rapporteur on the post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro;
 - ***Preparation of the meeting of the Committee in Copenhagen (Denmark) on 14-15 December 2021 (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau)***: postponed the exchange of views until the next meeting;
 - ***Council for Democratic Elections (Venice Commission)***: decided to propose to the Bureau of the Assembly Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE) as substitute to the Council for Democratic Elections for the year 2021 to replace Ms Jette Christensen (Norway, SOC);

– **Statement by Mr Nils Muižnieks, Director for Europe, Amnesty International:** heard a statement by Mr Nils Muižnieks, Director for Europe, Amnesty International on the recent reports of Amnesty International on Hungary and Turkey as well as on general trends with regard to Human Rights protection in Europe and agreed to return to this issue at one of its next meetings;

– **Next meetings:**

- 16 November 2021 [Strasbourg, hybrid]
- 14-15 December 2021 [Copenhagen (Denmark), face-to-face meeting, subject to the authorisation by the Bureau]

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