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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)

**Revised synopsis
of the meeting held in Paris in a hybrid manner
on 14 December 2021**

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris in a hybrid manner on 14 December 2021 in camera, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark, ALDE) in the Chair:

- **on Tuesday, 14 December 2021 at 10.00 am.**, as regards:
 - ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia*** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC and Ms Boriana Åberg, Sweden, EPP/CD): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended on The functioning of democratic institutions in Armenia; was informed by Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) that, in line with Rule 50.4 of the Rules of Procedure, he would present a dissenting opinion to the report;
 - ***The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2021)*** (rapporteur: Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
 - ***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): decided to postpone the consideration of an information note by the co-rapporteurs of their fact-finding visit to Chisinau and Tiraspol (12-15 October 2021) until the next meeting;
- **on Tuesday, 14 December 2021 at 2.00 pm.**, as regards:
 - ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia*** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC and Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs of their fact-finding visit to Tbilisi (8-10 December 2021) and held an exchange of views;
 - ***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 a hearing on recent developments with regard to the parliamentary elections (17-19 September 2021) with the participation of Ms Ella Pamfilova, Chairperson of the Central Election Commission (CEC) of the Russian Federation, Mr Denis Volkov, Director, Levada Centre, Mr Stanislav Andreichuk, co-Chairman, Movement for Defence of Voters' Rights (Golos) and Mr Nikolai Rybakov, President of Yabloko; heard the input by the representative of the parliamentary ruling majority of the Russian Federation represented in the Committee; decided to request an opinion of the Venice Commission on amendments to the Federal Law "On the Bar and the Legal Profession in the Russian Federation";
 - ***Post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia*** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC and Mr Zsolt Csenger-Zalán, Hungary, EPP/CD): decided to postpone the consideration of an information note by the co-rapporteurs on recent developments until the next meeting;
 - ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan*** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC and Mr Richard Bacon, United Kingdom, EC/DA): decided to postpone the exchange of views until the next meeting;

- **Periodic review reports:** decided to postpone the exchange of views until the next meeting;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Joseph O'Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD and Mr Asim Mollazada, Azerbaijan, EC/DA): appointed Mr Asim Mollazada (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) as rapporteur on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania and heard from him a declaration of non-conflict of interests;
- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary** (co-rapporteurs: Mr George Papandreou, Greece, SOC and Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, Estonia, ALDE): appointed Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE) as rapporteur on the honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary and heard from him a declaration of non-conflict of interests;
- **Other business:** heard from Mr Nicos Tornaritis (Cyprus, EPP/CD) a declaration of non-conflict of interests with regard to his appointment as co-rapporteur on the post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro;
- **Next meetings:**
 - Strasbourg, 24-28 January 2022 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - 29-30 March 2022 [place and format tbc]
 - Strasbourg, 25-29 April 2022 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - 24 May 2022 [place and format tbc]
 - Strasbourg, 20-24 June 2022 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - 15 September 2022 [place and format tbc]
 - 10-14 October 2022 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - 16 November 2022 [place and format tbc]
 - 14 December 2022 [place and format tbc]

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