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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 Strasbourg in a hybrid manner
on 24, 25, 26 and 27 January 2022**

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg in a hybrid manner on 24, 25, 26 and 27 January 2022 in camera, with Mr Bernard Fournier (France, EPP/CD) oldest member present, Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) and Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) in the Chair:

- **on Monday, 24 January 2022 at 2.30 pm.**, as regards:

Mr Bernard Fournier (France, EPP/CD), oldest member present in the Chair

- **Election of the Chairperson of the Committee:** elected Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC), Chairperson by acclamation;

Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) in the Chair

- **Election of the three Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee:** elected the following Vice-Chairpersons by acclamation:

- Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), First Vice-Chairperson,
- Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD), Second Vice-Chairperson,
- Mr Iulian Bulai (Romania, ALDE), Third Vice-Chairperson;

- **Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Russian Federation:** appointed Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) as rapporteur and heard from him a declaration of non-conflict of interest;

- **Sub-Committee on conflicts between Council of Europe Member States:** decided to re-constitute the Sub-Committee (the list of members is attached in appendix);

- **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*): held an exchange of views on the the justice system and decided to request an opinion of the Venice Commission on the draft law Dismantling the Section for the Investigation of Offences committed within the Judiciary;

- **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 this item until the next meeting;

- **Council for Democratic Elections (Venice Commission):** decided to postpone until the next meeting the designation of a Committee's representative and substitute for the year 2022;

- **on Tuesday, 25 January 2022 at 8.00 am.**, as regards:

Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) in the Chair

- **Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Russian Federation** (*rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC*): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended;

- **on Wednesday, 26 January 2022 at 2.00 pm.**, as regards:

Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) in the Chair

- **Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Russian Federation** (*rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC*): took position on 19 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;

- **on Thursday, 27 January 2022 at 8.30 am.**, as regards:

Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) in the Chair

- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC and Ms Boriana, Åberg, Sweden, EPP/CD*): took position on 17 amendments tabled to the draft resolution on the functioning of democratic institutions in Armenia;

- **on Thursday, 27 January 2022 at 2.00 pm.**, as regards:

Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) in the Chair

- **The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2021)** (*rapporteur: Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE*): took position on 11 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;

- **Call for candidates**: took note of the call for candidates for the post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia, the post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria, the honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina and the honouring of obligations and commitments by Turkey;

- **Next meetings:**

1 February 2022, videoconference
29 March 2022 [place and format tbc]
Strasbourg, 25-29 April 2022 [during the Assembly part-session]
24 - 25 May 2022, Ankara [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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The Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Council of Europe Member States, meeting in Strasbourg in a hybrid manner on 26 January 2022 in camera, with Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) oldest member present and Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE), as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee**: elected Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE), Chairperson by acclamation and postponed the election of the Vice-Chairperson until the next meeting;

- **Workplan of the Committee**: held an exchange of views on future activities;

- **Date and place of the next meeting**: left it to its Chairperson to propose the date and place of the next meeting.

Agnieszka Nachilo, Bas Klein, Sylvie Affholder, Matthieu Monin

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Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
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**Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Council of Europe Member States /
Sous-commission sur les conflits entre les États membres du Conseil de l'Europe**

List of members / Liste des membres

- **Co-rapporteurs on Armenia / Corapporteurs sur l'Arménie**

KILJUNEN Kimmo (SOC, Finland / Finlande)

ÅBERG Borianana (EPP/CD, Sweden, Suède)

- **Co-rapporteurs on Azerbaijan / Corapporteurs sur l'Azerbaïdjan**

SCHENNACH Stefan (SOC, Austria / Autriche)

BACON Richard (EC/DA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni)

- **Co-rapporteurs on Georgia / Corapporteurs sur la Géorgie**

CORLĂȚEAN Titus (SOC, Romania / Roumanie)

KERN Claude (ALDE, France) - Chairperson

- **Co-rapporteurs on the Republic of Moldova / Corapporteurs sur la République de Moldova**

FRIDEZ Pierre-Alain (SOC, Switzerland / Suisse)

LĪBIŅA-EGNERE Inese (EPP/CD, Latvia/Lettonie)

- **Co-rapporteurs on the Russian Federation / Corapporteurs sur la Fédération de Russie**

SCHÄFER Axel (SOC, Germany / Allemagne)

OOMEN-RUIJTEN Ria (EPP/CD, Netherlands, Pays-Bas)

- **Co-rapporteurs on Turkey / Corapporteurs sur la Turquie**

HOWELL John (EC/DA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni)

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- **Co-rapporteurs on Ukraine / Corapporteurs sur l'Ukraine**

HEER Alfred (ALDE, Switzerland / Suisse)

THÓRARINSSON Birgir (EPP/CD, Iceland / Islande)

Member of the Monitoring Committee of each of the member States that are party to the conflicts under the terms of reference of the sub-committee: / Membre de la commission de suivi au titre de chacun des Etats membres qui sont parties aux conflits en vertu du mandat de la sous-commission

Armenia / Arménie

RUBINYAN Ruben, EPP/CD

Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan

SEYIDOV Samad, EC/DA

Cyprus / Chypre

LOUCAIDES George, UEL

Georgia / Géorgie

CHIKOVANI Irakli, SOC

Republic of Moldova / République de Moldova

POPSOI Mihail, EPP/CD

Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie

KALASHNIKOV Leonid, UEL

Turkey / Turquie

KOÇ Haluk, SOC

Ukraine

SOBOLIEV Serhii, EPP/CD

Ex officio:

Chair of the Monitoring Committee / Président de la commission de suivi

FASSINO Piero (Italy / Italie)

Chairs of political groups (not included above) / Président(e)s des groupes politiques (qui ne figurent pas déjà ci-dessus):

Group of the European People's Party / Groupe du Parti populaire européen

POCIEJ Aleksander (Poland / Pologne)

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts

SCHWABE Frank (Germany / Allemagne)

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe

MAIRE Jacques (France)

European Conservatives Group & Democratic Alliance / Groupe des Conservateurs européens & Alliance démocratique – CE/AD

LIDDELL-GRAINER Ian (United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni)

Group of the Unified European Left / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne

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Chairs of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Président-e-s de la Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie et de la Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme:

Zsolt NÉMETH, Chairperson of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Président de la Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie

Damien COTTIER, Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Président de la commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme