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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 Paris in a hybrid manner
on 29 March 2022**

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 29 March 2022 in camera, with Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) in the Chair:

- **on Tuesday, 29 March 2022 at 10.00 am.**, as regards:
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC and Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended;
 - **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): considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to send it to the authorities of Malta for comments to be submitted by 12 May 2022 latest;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Zsolt Németh, Hungary, EC/DA and...): postponed the appointment of a rapporteur to replace Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) until the next meeting;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, United Kingdom, EC/DA and Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC): appointed Ms Lise Christoffersen (Norway, SOC) as rapporteur on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia and heard from her a declaration of non-conflict of interests;
 - **Call for candidates**: made a call for candidates to replace Mr Aleksander Pocij (Poland, EPP/CD) as rapporteur on the Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria;
 - **Russian aggression against Ukraine – impact on the ongoing parliamentary monitoring procedures**: heard an introduction by the Chairperson of the Committee and held an exchange of views; asked the former co-rapporteurs on the honouring of obligations and commitments by the Russian Federation to prepare an information note on “the state of the parliamentary monitoring procedure for the Russian Federation on 16 March 2022”;
- **on Tuesday, 29 March 2022 at 2.00 pm.**, as regards:
 - **Monitoring procedures in the Council of Europe**: heard a statement by Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law and held an exchange of views;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Turkey** (co-rapporteurs: Mr John Howell, United Kingdom, EC/DA and Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit (21-24 March 2022), held an exchange of views, decided to request a Venice Commission Opinion on the amendments to the electoral law in Turkey and authorised a fact-finding visit to the country by the co-rapporteurs;

- **Nagorno-Karabakh conflict:** heard statements by Mr Ruben Rubinyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) and Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) and held an exchange of views;
- **Other business:** heard a statement by Ms Laura Castel (Spain, UEL) on recent developments in Spain and agreed to hold an exchange of views on this issue during its next meeting;
- **Next meetings:**

Strasbourg, 25-29 April 2022 [during the Assembly part-session]
24 – 25 May 2022, Ankara, face-to-face
Strasbourg, 20-24 June 2022 [during the Assembly part-session]
15 September 2022, Paris
10-14 October 2022 [during the Assembly part-session]
16 November 2022, Paris
14 December 2022, Paris

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