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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 on 21, 22 and 23 June 2022

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 21, 22 and 23 June 2022 in camera, with Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) in the Chair:

- **on Tuesday, 21 June 2022 at 8.30 am.**, as regards:
 - **Draft Minutes:** revised and approved the draft minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2022;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, United Kingdom, EC/DA and ...*): heard a declaration of non-conflict of interests by Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC/DA) following his appointment as co-rapporteur on 24 May 2022;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr John Howell, United Kingdom, EC/DA and Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*): considered and updated a preliminary draft report and agreed to send it to the authorities of Türkiye for comments to be submitted within 6 weeks following the date of sending the report;
 - **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*): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Chisinau (6-9 June 2022);
- **on Wednesday, 22 June 2022 at 2.00 pm.**, as regards:
 - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Romania** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC and Ms Krista Baumane, Latvia, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to send it to the authorities of Romania for comments to be submitted within 6 weeks following the date of sending the report;
 - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr George Papandreu, Greece, SOC and Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, Estonia, ALDE*): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteur on the fact-finding visit to Budapest (14-15 June 2022) and considered the comments of the Hungarian authorities to the preliminary draft report;
 - **World Forum for Democracy on “Democracy: a new hope?” (Strasbourg, 7-9 November 2022):** made a call for candidates to be appointed to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum;
- **on Thursday, 23 June 2022 at 8.30 am.**, as regards:
 - **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*): took position on 10 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;

- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Zsolt Németh, Hungary, EC/DA and Ms Ekaterina Zaharieva, Bulgaria, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views with Mr Nikolaos Sitaropoulos, Head of Division of the Department for the Execution of ECHR Judgments, considered and updated an information note and agreed to partly declassify it;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Alfred Heer, Switzerland, ALDE and Mr Birgir Þórarinnsson, Iceland, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on a possible visit to Ukraine, with the participation of Ms Mariia Mezentseva, Chairperson of the Ukrainian Delegation;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Sibel Arslan, Switzerland, SOC and ...): postponed the appointment of a co-rapporteur to replace Mr Zsolt Csenger-Zálan (Hungary, EPP/CD) until the next meeting;
- **The role of the Council of Europe in preventing human suffering resulting from international armed conflicts: different stages of conflict prevention and best practices to be employed** (rapporteur: ...): postponed the appointment of a rapporteur for opinion until the next meeting;
- **Call for candidates:** made a call for candidates for the following reports:
 - The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan (co-rapporteurs: Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, United Kingdom, EC/DA and ...) to replace Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);
 - The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by The Netherlands (co-rapporteurs: Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones, Spain, SOC and ...) to replace Mr Iulian Bulai (Romania, ALDE);
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits:** authorised the co-rapporteurs for San Marino and Türkiye to conduct a fact-finding visit to the countries under their respective responsibilities, subject to the availability of financial resources;
- **Next meetings:**
 - 14 September 2022, Paris
 - 15 September 2022 matin, Paris, Sub-Committee on Conflicts concerning Member States of the Council of Europe
 - 10-14 October 2022 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - 16 November 2022, Paris
 - 14 December 2022, Paris

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