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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 10, 11, 12 and 13 October 2022

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 10, 11, 12 and 13 October 2022 in camera, with Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) and Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) in the Chair:

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

- **on Monday, 10 October 2022 at 2.00 pm.**, as regards:
 - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France:** agreed to invite the Chairperson of the French Delegation for an exchange of views during the item on the honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France on Thursday, 13 October 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 approved an addendum to the report and adopted 3 amendments to the draft resolution on behalf of the Committee; authorised the co-rapporteurs to carry out a fact-finding visit to Türkiye in the near future and took note of their intention to request a meeting with Mr Osman Kavala, as a follow up to [Resolution 2459 \(2022\)](#);
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Joseph O'Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD and Mr Asim Mollazada, Azerbaijan, EC/DA): considered and declassified an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Tirana (29.06-01.07.2022).
 - **Sub-Committee on Conflicts concerning Council of Europe Member States:** heard a report by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the Sub-Committee meeting of 15 September 2022;

With Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) and Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) in the Chair

- **on Tuesday, 11 October 2022 at 2.00 pm.**, as regards:
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye** (co-rapporteurs: Mr John Howell, United Kingdom, EC/DA and Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC): took position on 17 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC and Ms Inese Lîbiņa-Egnere, Latvia, EPP/CD): considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to send it to the authorities of the Republic of Moldova for comments to be submitted within 6 weeks following the date of sending the report;

With Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) in the Chair

- **on Wednesday, 12 October 2022 at 2.00 pm.**, as regards:
 - **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): took position on 11 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, United Kingdom, EC/DA and Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC): appointed Ms Lise Christoffersen (Norway, SOC) as rapporteur, took note of her resignation as rapporteur for Serbia and heard from her a declaration of non-conflict of interests;
 - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by The Netherlands** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones, Spain, SOC and Ms Stephanie Krisper, Austria, ALDE): appointed Ms Stephanie Krisper (Austria, ALDE) as rapporteur and heard from her a declaration of non-conflict of interests;
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Sibel Arslan, Switzerland, SOC and Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Netherlands, EPP/CD): appointed Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD) as rapporteur and heard from her a declaration of non-conflict of interests;
 - **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 of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Lesia Vasylenko, Ukraine, ALDE): appointed Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE) as rapporteur and heard from him a declaration of non-conflict of interests;
 - **Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee on the selection procedure for the periodic monitoring reports in 2023**: held an exchange of views and invited the Chairperson of the Committee to write to the Bureau of the Assembly to address the issue of the extension of references of periodic monitoring reports and in particular to request the extension of the references of periodic monitoring reports of France, Netherlands and San Marino; agreed to change its internal working methods concerning the selection of countries for periodic review to allow for the *ad hoc* selection of countries for periodic review based on a request by members; and heard a request from the Chairperson of the Committee for substantiated proposals for countries to be included on the shortlist for the selection procedure during the December meeting of the Committee;

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

- **on Thursday, 13 October 2022 at 2.00 pm.**, as regards:
 - **Heard a statement from Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC)** and took note of his resignation as co-rapporteur for the honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia;
 - **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): took position on 6 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Yelysaveta Yasko, Ukraine, EPP/CD and Ms Fiona O'Loughlin, Ireland, ALDE): heard a report by the co-rapporteurs on their meetings with civil society representatives on 15-16 September 2022; heard a statement by Mr Bertrand Bouyx, Chairperson of the French delegation to the Assembly and held an exchange of views;
 - **The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2022)** (rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC): heard a statement by Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on behalf of the rapporteur;

- **Procedure in and conduct of Committee meetings:** took note of the letter of the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs on the basis of the Memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly on “The Assembly's procedures and working methods during sessions and meetings held in physical presence of members: "lessons learned from operating in hybrid format"”;
- **World Forum for Democracy on “Democracy: a new hope?” (Strasbourg, 7-9 November 2022):** appointed Mr Manuel Vescovi (Italy, EC/DA) to sit on the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum;
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits:** authorised the co-rapporteurs for France to conduct a fact-finding visit, subject to the availability of financial resources;
- **Other business:** made a call for candidates for the following reports:
 - The honouring of obligations and commitments by Hungary (following the opening of the monitoring procedure)
 - The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia (to replace Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC)
 - The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia (to replace Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC)
- **Next meetings:**
 - Paris, 14-15 December 2022
 - Strasbourg, 23-27 January 2023 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - Paris, 9 March 2023
 - Strasbourg, 24-28 April 2023 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - 23-24 May 2023 (place tbc)
 - Strasbourg, 19-23 June 2023 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - Paris, 14 September 2023
 - Strasbourg, 9-13 October 2023 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - Paris, 13 December 2023

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