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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 30 September, 2nd and 3rd October 2024

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 30 September, 2nd and 3rd October 2024, in camera, with Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica (Latvia, EPP/CD), Chairperson, and then with Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), 1st Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **on Monday, 30 September 2024 at 14:45**, as regards:
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD, and...*): following a proposal by the Chairperson of the ALDE group, Mr Iulian Bulai (Romania, ALDE), agreed to remove the item on the appointment of the second co-rapporteur until an agreement is reached between the political groups;
 - **Joint hearing with the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on “Strengthening mechanisms for early warning on challenges to democratic security” (25 June 2024)**: agreed to declassify the minutes of the joint hearing;
 - **Deteriorating situation of human rights, rule of law and democracy in Azerbaijan (current affairs debate)**: heard a statement by Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC/DA), co-rapporteur on “The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan”, and took note of his resignation from the rapporteurship; heard a statement on recent developments in the country by the other co-rapporteur, Ms Lise Christoffersen (Norway, SOC), and held an exchange of views;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE, and Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): heard an update on the pre-electoral situation by Mr Iulian Bulai (Romania, ALDE), Head of the Assembly’s delegation to observe the parliamentary elections in Georgia on 26 October 2024, and held an exchange of views;
- **on Wednesday, 2 October 2024 at 14:00**, as regards:
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Zsolt Németh, Hungary, EC/DA, and ...*): took position on two 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 Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, Latvia, EPP/CD*): heard an update on the pre-electoral situation by the co-rapporteur, Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, and held an exchange of views;

- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, Estonia, ALDE, and Mr George Papandreou, Greece, SOC*): held an exchange of views on recent developments in the country and on the Opinion of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) on the constitutional amendments adopted by the Hungarian parliament in December 2020 ([CDL-AD\(2021\)029](#)), with the participation of Mr Ben Vermeulen, member of the Venice Commission (online);
- **on Thursday, 3 October 2024 at 08:30**, as regards:
 - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by the Netherlands** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Stephanie Krisper, Austria, ALDE, and Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC*): heard a statement by the co-rapporteur, Mr Titus Corlăţean, and held an exchange of views on recent developments in the country; decided to ask the Bureau for an exceptional extension of one year of the validity of the reference, which is due to expire on 19 March 2025;
 - **France**: heard a statement by Ms Anne Stambach-Terreoir (France, UEL) on the procedure of election of the President of the *Assemblée nationale* (of 18 July 2024), and held an exchange of views;
 - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Greece (periodic monitoring report)** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Laura Castel, Spain, UEL, and ...*): postponed the appointment of a co-rapporteur to 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: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC, and ...

Call for candidates to replace Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC/DA)
 - The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Spain**
co-rapporteurs: Ms Elvira Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD, and ...

Call for candidates to replace Mr Caspar van den Berg (Netherlands, ALDE)
 - The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia**
co-rapporteurs: Ms Boriana Åberg, Sweden, EPP/CD, and ...

Call for candidates to replace Mr Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland, SOC)
 - The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina**
co-rapporteurs: Mr Zsolt Németh, Hungary, EC/DA, and ...

Call for candidates to replace Mr Aleksandar Nikoloski (North Macedonia, EPP/CD)
 - The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye**
co-rapporteurs: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC, and ...

Call for candidates to replace Ms Jill Mortimer (United Kingdom, EC/DA)
- **Strengthening a youth perspective in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly**
[\[Resolution 2553 \(2024\)\]](#)
- **World Forum for Democracy on “Democracy and Diversity – Can we transcend the divides?” (Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2024)**: nominated Ms Sabina Ćudić (Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE) to sit on the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the Forum;
- **Conference of the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment network (EPTA) on “Artificial Intelligence and Democracy” (Oslo, 21 October 2024)**: nominated Mr Yunus Emre (Türkiye, SOC) to sit on the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the conference;

- **Conference on “Promoting safety, integrity, equality and inclusion in sport”:** (Athens, 4-5 November 2024): nominated Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD) to sit on the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the conference;
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits:** authorised the co-rapporteurs for Poland to conduct a fact-finding visit to the country, subject to the availability of financial resources;
- **Preparation of the meeting of the Monitoring Committee in Tirana (2-3 December 2024):** took note of the draft programme and decided to hold a hearing with the participation of invited personalities on “The Judicial Reform Process in Poland and the Issues raised in its context”;
- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - o Tirana, 2-3 December 2024
 - o Strasbourg, 27-31 January 2025 [during the Assembly part-session]

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