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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 29, 30 September, 1 and 2 October 2025**

**The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**, meeting in Strasbourg on 29, 30 September, 1 and 2 October 2025, in camera, with Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica (Latvia, EPP/CD), Chairperson, Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), first vice-chairperson, and Ms Mónika Bartos (Hungary, ECPA), third vice-chairperson, in the Chair:

- **on Monday, 29 September 2025 at 14:00**, as regards:
  - **The situation of national minorities in Ukraine**: held a joint hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, with the participation of Mr Christophe Kamp, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, Mr Hallvard Gorseth, Director of the Directorate of Equal Rights and Dignity, Council of Europe, and Mr Ashot Avanesyan, Chair of the Council of National Communities of Ukraine (online);
- **on Tuesday, 30 September 2025 at 08:30**, as regards:
  - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan** (*co-rapporteurs*: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC, and Sir Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, ECPA): held an exchange of views with Mr Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
  - **Debate under urgent procedure on “Uphold democracy and the rule of law in Georgia”** (*co-rapporteurs*: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC, and Ms Sabina Ćudić, Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE): appointed the two co-rapporteurs for the honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia as co-rapporteurs for the debate under urgent procedure;
  - **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): took note that no amendments had been tabled to the draft resolution;
- **on Tuesday, 30 September 2025 at 14:00**, as regards:
  - **Debate under urgent procedure on “Uphold democracy and the rule of law in Georgia”** (*co-rapporteurs*: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC, and Ms Sabina Ćudić, Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE): considered and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended;

- on **Wednesday, 1 October 2025 at 14:00**, as regards:
  - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Deborah Bergamini, Italy, EPP/CD, and Mr Yves Cruchten, Luxembourg, SOC*): took position on 4 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
  - **Post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Sibel Arslan, Switzerland, SOC, and Mr Joseph O'Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to send it to the authorities of North Macedonia for comments, to be submitted by 13 November 2025 at the latest;
  - **Confidentiality of the meetings of the Monitoring Committee**: heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee;
  - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC, and Lord David Blencathra, United Kingdom, ECPA*): heard an oral update by the co-rapporteurs on the situation in Türkiye and held an exchange of views;
  - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, Latvia, EPP/CD, and Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones, Spain, SOC*): after hearing his declaration of absence of conflict of interest, appointed Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC) as co-rapporteur; held an exchange of views with Mr Chris Said (Malta, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the *ad hoc* Committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (28 September 2025);
- on **Thursday, 2 October 2025 at 08:30**, as regards:
  - **Debate under urgent procedure on “Uphold democracy and the rule of law in Georgia”** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC, and Ms Sabina Ćudić, Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE*): took position on 6 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
  - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Poland** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Azadeh Rojhan, Sweden, SOC, and Mr Christophe Brico, Monaco, EPP/CD*): heard a communication by Mr Iulian Bulai (Romania, ALDE), Chairperson of the *ad hoc* Committee for the observation of the presidential elections in Poland (18 May and 1 June 2025) and held an exchange of views;
  - **Call for candidates**: made a call for candidates for the report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan, to replace Ms Lise Christoffersen (Norway, SOC); for the report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye, to replace Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC); and for the report on the functioning of democratic institutions in the Slovak Republic, to appoint two co-rapporteurs, as soon as the political groups have decided on their repartition;
  - **Ad hoc committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the World Forum for Democracy on “Democracy at risk: how can we revive it?” (Strasbourg, 4-7 November 2025)**: took note of the concept note and made a call for candidates to be appointed to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the Forum;
  - **Other business**: agreed to hold a hearing on the opinions of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) on the draft amendments to the Constitution of the Slovak Republic, and the Law on Civil Society at the next meeting; took note of the oral invitation by Ms Sabina Ćudić (Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE), to hold the meeting of the Monitoring Committee in May 2026 in Sarajevo, and agreed to accept this invitation, subject to receiving an invitation letter and authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly;
  - **Next meetings**: confirmed its next meetings as follows:
    - Paris, 9 December 2025
    - Strasbourg, 26-30 January 2026 [during the Assembly part-session]
    - Strasbourg, 20-24 April 2026 [during the Assembly part-session]
    - Strasbourg, 22-26 June 2026 [during the Assembly part-session]
    - Strasbourg, 28 September-2 October 2026 [during the Assembly part-session]

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