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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 28, 29 September and 1 October 2026

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 28, 29 September and 1 October 2026, in camera, with Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD), Chairperson, and then Mr Paweł Jabłoński (Poland, ECPA), 3rd Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **on Monday, 28 September 2026 at 14:00, as regards:**

– **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Greece** *(co-rapporteurs: Ms Laura Castel, Spain, UEL, and Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Finland, SOC)*: considered and adopted an amendment to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;

– **Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro** *(co-rapporteurs: Ms Liliana Tanguy, France, ALDE, and Mr Malte Kaufmann, Germany, ECPA)*: appointed by acclamation Mr Malte Kaufmann (Germany, ECPA) as co-rapporteur on the "Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro", subject to the completion of the obligation to update his declaration of interests to include the co-rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;

– **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*): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Chisinau (15-17 June 2026) and agreed to declassify it;

– **The functioning of democratic institutions in the Slovak Republic** *(co-rapporteurs: Ms Deborah Bergamini, Italy, EPP/CD, and Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE):* heard an oral report by the co-rapporteur, Mr Kern, on the fact-finding visit to Bratislava (15-17 September 2026);

– **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Poland** *(co-rapporteurs: Mr Christophe Brico, Monaco, EPP/CD, and Mr Christophe Lacroix, Belgium, SOC)*: appointed by acclamation Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC) as co-rapporteur on "The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Poland", subject to the completion of the obligation to update his declaration of interests to include the co-rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline; considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Warsaw (13-15 May 2026) and agreed to declassify it;

- **on Tuesday, 29 September 2026 at 14:00, as regards:**

– **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Greece** *(co-rapporteurs: Ms Laura Castel, Spain, UEL, and Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Finland, SOC)*: took position on 3 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;

– **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Spain** *(co-rapporteurs: Ms Elvira Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD, and Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE)*: considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to send it to the authorities of Spain for comments, to be submitted by 12 November 2026 at the latest;

– **Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania** *(co-rapporteurs: Mr Ionuţ-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD, and Mr Paweł Jabłoński, Poland, ECPA)*: held a hearing on developments in Albania regarding the electoral reform, with the participation of Mr Oerd Bylykbashi, Co-chairperson (DP) of the *ad hoc* Committee on Electoral Reform, Assembly of the Republic of Albania, and Mr Damian Gjiknuri, Co-chairperson (SP) of the *ad hoc* Committee on Electoral Reform, Assembly of the Republic of Albania (online);

• **on Thursday, 1 October 2026 at 14:00, as regards:**

– **Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro** *(co-rapporteurs: Ms Liliana Tanguy, France, ALDE, and Mr Malte Kaufmann, Germany, ECPA)*: considered an information note by the co-rapporteur, Ms Liliana Tanguy, on her fact-finding visit to Podgorica (10-12 June 2026) and agreed to declassify it;

– **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 the constitutional reform in Hungary, with Mr Márton Hajdu (Hungary, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the delegation of Hungary to the Parliamentary Assembly;

– **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia** *(co-rapporteurs: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC, and Ms Albana Vokshi, Albania, EPP/CD)*: appointed by acclamation Ms Albana Vokshi as co-rapporteur on "The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia", subject to the completion of the obligation to update her declaration of interests to include the co-rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;

***Ad hoc* committee of the Bureau on the World Forum for Democracy 2026 on the "New Democratic Pact for Europe" (Strasbourg, 2-3 November 2026)**: 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;

– **Call for candidates*:*** made a call for candidates for the following reports:

The functioning of democratic institutions in the Slovak Republic
co-rapporteurs: Ms Deborah Bergamini, Italy, EPP/CD, and …
in replacement of Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE)

Democratic security: strengthening Council of Europe's early warning mechanisms
in replacement of Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE), rapporteur for opinion

– **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised the co-rapporteurs for Albania, Poland, Slovak Republic, Sweden and Türkiye to conduct fact-finding visits to the countries under their responsibility, subject to the availability of funds;

– **Other business**: **Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania** *(co-rapporteurs: Mr Ionuţ-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD, and Mr Paweł Jabłoński, Poland, ECPA)*: considered and agreed to request for an opinion of the Venice Commission on the amendments tabled to article 242 of the Criminal Procedure Code of Albania as well as any revisions of these amendments tabled in the course of the preparation of this opinion;

– ***Next meetings***: confirmed its next meetings as follows:

  – Paris, 8 December 2026

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