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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 and 23 April 2026

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 21 and 23 April 2026, in camera, with Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD), Chairperson, and then Ms Sabina Ćudić (Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE), first vice-chairperson, and Mr Gerardo Giovagnoli (San Marino, SOC), second vice-chairperson, in the Chair:

- **on Tuesday, 21 April 2026 at 08:30**, as regards:
 - **The functioning of democratic institutions in the Slovak Republic** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE, and Ms Deborah Bergamini, Italy, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views on recent developments in the country concerning the functioning of democratic institutions, in particular with regard to the opinions of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), with the participation of Ms Hanna Suchocka, Honorary President of the Venice Commission, and Mr Rast'o Kužel, Executive Director, Memo 98, Slovak Republic;
 - **European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)**: in the framework of the Assembly's institutional representation, agreed to propose to the Bureau that Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) as member, and Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) as substitute, be appointed to represent the Committee at the Venice Commission;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Pablo Hispán, Spain, EPP/CD, and Ms Oana Murariu, Romania, ALDE*): appointed by acclamation Ms Oana Murariu (Romania, ALDE) as co-rapporteur on the "honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina", subject to the completion of the obligation to update her declaration of interests to include the co-rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;
- **on Tuesday, 21 April 2026 at 14:45**, as regards:
 - **Joint meeting with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**: held a hearing on allegations about human rights violations during the 2024/2025 demonstrations in Georgia and the lack of effective investigations into such allegations, with the participation of Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, Mr Alan Mitchell, President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) (online) and Mr Borys Wódz, Head of Division, Secretariat of the CPT;

- on Thursday, 23 April 2026 at 14:00, as regards:
 - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, Estonia, ALDE, and Mr George Papandreu, Greece, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the Head of the Assembly's election observation mission to Hungary, Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD), on recent developments in the country following the parliamentary elections (12 April 2026);
 - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by the Netherlands** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC, and Mr Petri Honkonen, Finland, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with the Chairperson of the Dutch delegation to the Assembly, Ms Rian Vogels (the Netherlands, ALDE), on recent developments in the country;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Victoria Tiblom, Sweden, ECPA, and Mr Yunus Emre, Türkiye, SOC*): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Belgrade (23-24 March 2026);
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye** (*co-rapporteurs: Lord David Blencathra, United Kingdom, ECPA, and Mr Yves Cruchten, Luxembourg, SOC*): postponed the exchange of views on recent developments in the country to a future meeting;
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Ionuţ-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD, and Mr Paweł Jabłoński, Poland, ECPA*): postponed the oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Tirana (30 March-1 April 2026) to a future meeting;
 - **Next meetings**: confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - Sarajevo, 18-19 May 2026
 - Strasbourg, 22-26 June 2026 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - Paris, 7 September 2026
 - Strasbourg, 28 September-2 October 2026 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - Paris, 8 December 2026

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