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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 Paris on 9 September 2025

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 9 September 2025, in camera, with Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica (Latvia, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a third Vice-Chairperson of the Committee:** elected Ms Mónika Bartos (Hungary, ECPA) third Vice-Chairperson, by acclamation;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Deborah Bergamini, Italy, EPP/CD, and Mr Yves Cruchten, Luxembourg, SOC*): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs of their fact-finding visit to Sofia (2-3 July 2025); considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended;
- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Poland** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Azadeh Rojhan, Sweden, SOC, and Mr Christophe Brico, Monaco, ALDE*): after hearing his declaration of absence of conflict of interest, appointed Mr Christophe Brico (Monaco, ALDE) as co-rapporteur and decided to postpone the exchange of views on the presidential elections (18 May and 1 June 2025) to a next meeting;
- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Greece (periodic monitoring report)** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Laura Castel, Spain, UEL, and Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Finland, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the chairperson of the delegation of Greece, Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD);
- **Call for candidates:** made a call for candidates for the report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova, to replace Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC);
- **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; made a call for candidates to be appointed to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the Forum; and took note of the candidacies of Ms Cristina Gabriella Dumitrescu (Romania, ECPA), Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), Mr Malte Kaufmann (Germany, ECPA), Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC), Ms Albana Vokshi (Albania, EPP/CD) and Ms Yelizaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD);
- **Conference: 30th Years of Partnership and Progress: Albania, the Council of Europe, and the Venice Commission (Tirana, 20-21 October 2025):** agreed to appoint Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD) to participate, subject to the availability of financial resources;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Victoria Tiblom, Sweden, ECPA, and Mr Yunus Emre, Türkiye, SOC*): after hearing his declaration of absence of conflict of interest, appointed Mr Yunus Emre (Türkiye, SOC) as co-rapporteur;

- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Zolt Németh, Hungary, ECPA, and Mr Pablo Hispán, Spain, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views on recent developments in the country, with the participation of Mr Elmedin Konaković, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and agreed to extend Mr Németh's mandate until the end of January 2026, in accordance with § 12.4 of Resolution 1115 (1997) to allow him to present a report on the functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the January 2026 part-session;
- **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*): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC, and Ms Sabina Čudić, Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE*): held an exchange of views on “the impact of the transparency legislation on civil society”, with the participation of Ms Eka Gigauri, Executive Director, Transparency International Georgia, and Mr Dave Elseroad, Head of Advocacy and Geneva Office, Human Rights House Foundation;
- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Spain (periodic monitoring report)** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Elvira Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD, and Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE*): held an exchange of views on “The state of Spain's implementation of the recommendations of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) concerning preventing corruption in parliament, judiciary, central governments and law enforcement agencies” with Ms Sophie Meudal Leenders, Senior Legal Adviser, Secretariat of the GRECO, Council of Europe;
- **Other business:** agreed to hold an exchange of views on the situation regarding the media in Albania at a next meeting in the framework of the post-monitoring dialogue with Albania (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD, and Ms Mónika Bartos, Hungary, ECPA*);
- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - Strasbourg, 29 September-3 October 2025 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - Paris, 9 December 2025

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