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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 7 September 2026

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 7 September 2026, in camera, with Mr Paweł Jabłoński (Poland, ECPA), Third Vice-Chairperson and then Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) in the Chair, 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 a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD, and Mr Paweł Jabłoński, Poland, ECPA*): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Tirana (30 March-1 April 2026) and agreed to declassify it;
- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Poland** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Christophe Brico, Monaco, EPP/CD, and Mr Didier Marie, France, SOC*): held a hearing on “The functioning and credibility of the Constitutional Tribunal” with the participation of Mr Paweł Filipek, legal practitioner and legal commentator specialising in constitutional, international and human rights law, and Judge Anna Korwin-Piotrowska, Judge elected to the Constitutional Tribunal in 2026, who has been prevented from taking up her role and held a hearing on “The functioning and credibility of the Constitutional Tribunal” (continued) with the participation of Mr Bartłomiej Sochański, Vice-President of the Constitutional Tribunal, and Mr Marcin Szwed, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Liliana Tanguy, France, ALDE, and Mr Nicos Tornaritis, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): heard an oral statement by the co-rapporteur, Ms Liliana Tanguy, on her fact-finding visit to Podgorica (10-12 June 2026);
- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Sweden** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Yelizaveta Yasko, Ukraine, EPP/CD, and Ms Anne Stambach-Terrenoir, France, UEL*): heard a statement by the co-rapporteur, Ms Yelizaveta Yasko, and agreed to ask the Bureau of the Assembly for an exceptional extension of this reference for two years, until 22 January 2029;
- **Respect for the confidentiality of Assembly documents**: heard a statement by Mr Christophe Brico (Monaco, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities, and held an exchange of views;

- **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; 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 candidacy of Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD);
- **Call for candidates:** made a call for candidates for the following reports:
 - The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia**
Co-rapporteurs: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC, and....
to replace Ms Boriana Åberg (Sweden, EPP/CD)
 - The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Poland**
Co-rapporteurs: Mr Christophe Bricq, Monaco, EPP/CD, and....
to replace Mr Didier Marie (France, SOC)
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits:** authorised the co-rapporteurs for Bosnia and Herzegovina to conduct a fact-finding visit to the country, subject to the availability of funds;
- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - Strasbourg, 28 September-2 October 2026 [during the Assembly part-session];
 - Paris, 8 December 2026.

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