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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 Sarajevo on 18 and 19 May 2026

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Sarajevo on 18 and 19 May 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 Paweł Jabłoński (Poland, ECPA), second vice-chairperson, in the Chair, and with the participation of Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly:

- **on Monday, 18 May 2026 at 09:30**, as regards:
 - **Seminar on “Constitutional power sharing agreements and democratic principles”**: held the seminar with the participation of Mr Elmedin Konaković, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina; Mr Saša Magazinović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC), Chairperson of the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Assembly; Mr Nedim Ademović, Lawyer, Constitutional Law, Sarajevo; Mr Rik Daems, former President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and Belgian Senator; Ms Aurelie Valtat, Head of European Integration, Political, Press and Information Section, European Union Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina; Ms Branka Bajic, Head of the Legal Section, European Union Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Mr Jakob Finci, President of the Jewish Community of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- **on Monday, 18 May 2026 at 14:30**, as regards:
 - **Adoption of the agenda**: agreed to revise the [agenda](#);
 - **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*): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteur, Ms Laura Castel, on the fact-finding visit to Athens (27-29 April 2026);
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC, and Ms Sabina Ćudić, Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with Ms Patrycja Grzebyk, OSCE rapporteur of the Moscow Mechanism in respect of Georgia, professor of law at the Warsaw University, Poland (online); considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended on the functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia;
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD, and Mr Paweł Jabłoński, Poland, ECPA*): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteur, Mr Paweł Jabłoński, on the fact-finding visit to Tirana (30 March-1 April 2026);

- on Tuesday, 19 May 2026 at 09:00, as regards:

- **Exchange of views with Authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina:** held an exchange of views on “The functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina”, with the participation of Mr Davor Bunoza, Minister of Justice, and Mr Edin Forto, Minister of Transport and Telecommunications;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Victoria Tiblom, Sweden, ECPA, and Mr Yunus Emre, Türkiye, SOC*): held an exchange of views on “Recent legislative amendments concerning the judiciary and public prosecution (Mrdić laws)”, with the participation of Mr Pinelli, substitute member of the Venice Commission (online); considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended on the functioning of democratic institutions in Serbia;
- **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*): held a hearing on “The situation in the Spanish judiciary”, with the participation of Ms Regina Kiener, member of the Venice Commission in respect of Switzerland (online); Mr Alejandro González Mariscal de Gante, judge and President of the Court of First Instance of Palma de Mallorca, member of the National Executive Committee of the *Asociación Profesional de la Magistratura* (APM) (online); Mr Carlos Cardenal del Peral, judge at the Administrative Litigation of the High Court of Justice, Madrid, member of the *Asociación judicial Francisco de Vitoria* (AJFV); Mr Edmundo Rodríguez Achútegui, judge of the Provincial Court of Bizkaia and spokesperson of the *Asociación Jueces y Jueces para la Democracia* (JDP), (online); and Ms Cristina De Vicente Casillas, judge of the Provincial Court of Bizkaia, Sixth Division on Violence Against Women, member of the *Asociación Foro Judicial Independiente* (AFJ);
- **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*): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteur, Mr Christophe Brico, of the fact-finding visit to Warsaw (13-15 May 2026); agreed to hold a hearing on the Polish judiciary at its next meeting;
- **Ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the 9th World Congress Against the Death Penalty (Paris, 30 June – 2 July 2026): call for nominations:** nominated Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), Mr Yunus Emre (Türkiye, SOC) and Ms Liliana Tanguy (France, ALDE) to participate in the 9th World Congress Against the Death Penalty (Paris, 30 June – 2 July 2026);
- **Call for candidates:** made a call for candidates for the following reports:
 - The honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine**
Co-rapporteurs: Mr Damien Cottier, Switzerland, ALDE, and....
to replace Ms Saara-Sofia Sirén (Finland, EPP/CD)
 - Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro**
Co-rapporteurs: Ms Liliana Tanguy, France, ALDE, and....
to replace Mr Nicos Tornaritis (Cyprus, EPP/CD)
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits:** authorised the co-rapporteurs for the Republic of Moldova to conduct a fact-finding visit to the country, subject to the availability of funds;
- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - 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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