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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 17 May 2024

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 17 May 2024 in camera, with Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica (Latvia, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

- on Friday, 17 May 2024 at 09:30, as regards:
- **Follow-up to the Venice Commission's Opinions on electoral legislation in Armenia:** held an exchange of views on the follow-up to recent opinions of the Venice Commission relating to amendments to the Electoral code and related legislation in Armenia, with the participation of Ms Katharina Pabel and Mr Oliver Kask, members of the Venice commission (online);
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC and Ms Boriana Åberg, Sweden, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution as amended;
- **Exchange of views with the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and with the Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (Moneyval):** agreed to postpone the exchange of views until a next meeting;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC and Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, Latvia, EPP/CD*): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to the Republic of Moldova (4-7 February 2024) and agreed to declassify it;
- **Parliamentary monitoring procedure:** held an exchange of views on the rules governing the work of the Monitoring Committee and agreed to return to this issue in the framework of the next report on "The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure";
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Ms Sibel Arslan, Switzerland, SOC and Mr Joseph O'Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views on recent developments following the observation of the Presidential and parliamentary elections in North Macedonia (24 April and 8 May 2024);
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania** (*Co-rapporteurs: .....*): postponed the appointment of co-rapporteurs until its next meeting;
- **Call for candidates:** made a call for candidates to replace Mr Didier Marie (France, SOC) as rapporteur on "The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Greece" (periodic monitoring report): *Co-rapporteurs: Ms Laura Castel, Spain, UEL and....*
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the details concerning submission of candidates for the 2024 Prize;

- **Other business:**

- took note of the invitation letter by Ms Blerina Gjylameti, Chairperson of the delegation of Albania and member of the Monitoring Committee, to hold a meeting of the Monitoring Committee in Tirana before the end of the year and agreed to accept this invitation, subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly;
- agreed to hold at its next meeting an exchange of views on the recent developments in Georgia;
- agreed to hold at its next meeting a joint hearing on “Regulating foreign influence: best practices and European standards” with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights;
- agreed to hold at its next meeting an exchange of views with Mr Michael O’Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe;

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

- Strasbourg, 24-28 June 2024 [during the Assembly part-session]
- Paris, 11 September 2024
- Strasbourg, 30 September-4 October 2024 [during the Assembly part-session]
- Tirana, November/December 2024 (exact dates tbc), subject to the authorisation by the Bureau

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