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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 21 March 2023**

**The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**, meeting in Paris on 21 March 2023 in camera, with Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Hungary** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, Estonia, ALDE and Mr George Papandreou, Greece, SOC*): after hearing his declaration of absence of conflict of interest, appointed Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC) as co-rapporteur;
- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by San Marino** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Andrej Hunko, Germany, UEL and Mr Joseph O'Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **Hearing on "Combating undue influence: anti-oligarch legislation in Ukraine, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova"**: held a hearing with the participation of Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Director, Secretary of the Venice Commission, Ms Angelika Nussberger, Member of the Venice Commission in respect of Germany and Ms Grainne McMorrow, former Substitute Member of the Venice Commission in respect of Ireland;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Asim Mollazada, Azerbaijan, EC/DA and Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD*): after hearing his declaration of absence of conflict of interest, appointed Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD) as co-rapporteur;
- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by the Netherlands** (*Co-rapporteurs: Ms Stephanie Krisper, Austria, ALDE and Mr Titus Corlățean, Romania, SOC*): after hearing his declaration of absence of conflict of interest, appointed Mr Titus Corlățean (Romania, SOC) as co-rapporteur;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Zsolt Németh, Hungary, EC/DA and Mr Aleksandar Nikoloski, North Macedonia, EPP/CD*): after hearing his declaration of absence of conflict of interest, appointed Mr Aleksandar Nikoloski (North Macedonia, EPP/CD) as co-rapporteur;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC and ...*): postponed the appointment of a co-rapporteur until the next meeting;
- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France** (*Co-rapporteurs: Ms Yelysaveta Yasko, Ukraine, EPP/CD and Ms Fiona O'Loughlin, Ireland, ALDE*): postponed the consideration of a preliminary draft report and proposal to request a Venice Commission opinion on three pieces of legislation until the next meeting;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC and Ms Boriána Åberg, Sweden, EPP/CD*): considered and agreed to declassify an information note as amended by the co-rapporteurs of their fact-finding visit to Armenia (17-19 February 2023);

- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Poland** (*Co-rapporteurs: Ms Azadeh Rojhan, Sweden, SOC and Mr Pieter Omtzigt, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): agreed to postpone the oral report by the co-rapporteur of the fact-finding visit to Warsaw (13-15 March 2023) until the next meeting;
- **76<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council for Democratic elections (Venice, 9 March 2023)**: heard an oral report by Ms María Valentina Martínez Ferro (Spain, EPP/CD);
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised the co-rapporteurs for Armenia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina to conduct a fact-finding visit to the countries under their respective responsibilities, subject to the availability of financial resources;
- **Other business**: agreed to include on the draft agenda of the next meeting the following items:
  - Hearing on “The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia”;
  - Consideration of a request to the Venice Commission for Opinion on the draft Ukrainian law on “Amending some legislative Acts of Ukraine that limit the participation in State power for individuals associated with political parties, whose activities are prohibited in accordance with the Law”;
  - Consideration of a request to the Venice Commission for a general Opinion on the following question: “Under what circumstances do the ECHR and European standards allow Courts, including Constitutional Courts, to interfere in the agenda of parliamentary debates?”;
- **Next meetings**: confirmed its next meetings as follows:
  - Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2023 of the Assembly (24-28 April);
  - Paris, 30 May and 31 May morning 2023;
  - Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2023 of the Assembly (19-23 June);
  - Paris, 14 September 2023 (Council of Europe office);
  - Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2023 of the Assembly (9-13 October);
  - Paris, 13 December 2023 (Council of Europe office).

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