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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 30 May 2023

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 30 May 2023 in camera, with Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by the Netherlands** (*Co-rapporteurs: Ms Stephanie Krisper, Austria, ALDE and Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to send it, as amended, to the Dutch authorities for comments, to be submitted by 17 July 2023 at the latest; agreed to request an opinion of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) on the Judiciary Organisation Act;
- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Poland** (*Co-rapporteurs: Ms Azadeh Rojhan, Sweden, SOC and Mr Pieter Omtzigt, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): considered and agreed to declassify an information note by the co-rapporteurs on the fact-finding visit to Warsaw (13-15 March 2023); expressed the wish to request an urgent opinion of the Venice Commission on the Law on the State Commission to investigate Russian influence on the internal security of the Republic of Poland between 2007 and 2022 and, in the absence of quorum, to return to this issue at its next meeting;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE and Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): considered and agreed to declassify an information note as amended by the co-rapporteurs of their fact-finding visit to Tbilisi (27-29 March 2023);
- **4th Council of Europe Heads of State and Government Summit (Reykjavik – 16-17 May 2023)**: held an exchange of views on the follow-up to the 4th Summit; agreed to hold an exchange of views at a next meeting on the possible Committee's contribution to the implementation of the decisions taken at the Summit;
- **Selection procedure for periodic monitoring reports in 2023**: heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Committee;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr John Howell, United Kingdom, EC/DA and Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC)*): held an exchange of views on recent developments following the Presidential (14 and 28 May 2023) and parliamentary elections (14 May 2023);
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC and ...*): postponed until the next meeting the appointment of a co-rapporteur to replace Ms Inese Lībiņa-Egnere (Latvia, EPP/CD);
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Ms Sibel Arslan, Switzerland, SOC and ...*): postponed until the next meeting the appointment of a co-rapporteur to replace Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD);

- **World Forum for Democracy on “Democracy= peace?” (Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2023):** nominated Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE) to sit on the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum;
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits:** authorised the co-rapporteurs for Serbia, North Macedonia and Poland to conduct a fact-finding visit to the countries under their respective responsibilities, subject to the availability of financial resources;
- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - o Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2023 of the Assembly (19-23 June);
 - o Paris, 13 September 2023 (Council of Europe office);
 - o Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2023 of the Assembly (9-13 October);
 - o Paris, 13 December 2023 (Council of Europe office).

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