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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 Strasbourg on 16, 17 and 18 April 2024

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 16, 17 and 18 April 2024 in camera, with Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica (Latvia, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

- **on Tuesday, 16 April 2024 at 08:30**, as regards:
 - **Statement by the Chairperson on the follow-up to the Committee meeting of 6 March 2024:** heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee following earlier discussions at the Committee on possible ways to strengthen early warning capacities; agreed to continue its reflection on this subject at a later meeting and agreed to propose to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to hold a joint hearing on “Strengthening mechanisms for early warning and action in conflict prevention” at the next part-session of the Assembly;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE and Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): heard a statement of the co-rapporteurs and agreed to request to the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) two opinions on respectively amendments to the electoral code of Georgia abolishing gender quotas as adopted by the Georgian parliament on 4 April 2024 and on draft constitutional laws on the “protection of family values and minors”;
 - **Criteria for appointment of rapporteurs at the Monitoring Committee:** held an exchange of views and agreed to request the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to consider at its next meeting what activities should be considered incompatible with the role of rapporteur for a country in the Monitoring Committee;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Axel Schäfer, Germany, SOC and Mr Thibaut François, France EC/DA*): held a hearing on the post-electoral situation in Serbia, with the participation of Ms Maja Pejčić and Mr Vladimir Petrović, members of the Republic Electoral Commission and Mr Rasa Nedeljkov, Head of Observation Mission of the Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability (CRTA);
- **on Wednesday, 17 April 2024 at 11:30**, as regards:
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD and...*): took position on one amendment tabled to the draft resolution;
- **on Thursday, 18 April 2024 at 14:00**, as regards:
 - **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*): considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to send it to the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina for comments, to be submitted by 31 May 2024 latest;

- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC and Ms Jill Mortimer, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): held an exchange of views and agreed to request to the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) an opinion on the relevant provisions of the Turkish Constitution and the Law on the Council of Judges and Prosecutors concerning the composition of the Council of Judges and Prosecutors and the election procedure of its members;
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**: took note of the details concerning submission of candidates for the 2024 Prize;
- **Call for candidates**: made a call for candidates for the two co-rapporteurs' positions for the post-monitoring dialogue with Albania;
- **Other business**: agreed to invite Ms Ingjerd Schie Schou (Norway, EPP/CD), rapporteur on the Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, for an exchange of views on possible changes to the Rules of procedure governing the Monitoring Committee;
- **Next meetings**: confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - o Paris, 17 May 2024
 - o Strasbourg, 24-28 June 2024 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - o Paris, 10 September 2024 (tbc)
 - o Strasbourg, 30 September-4 October 2024 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - o Paris, 12 December 2024

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